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AFTER THE STORM A LULL

TROUBLE IN THE AMEN CORNER ALL OVER, AND THE PASTOR

Will Seek a More Congenial Clime—St. Louis Society all Agog—The Church Bums Must Go—The "Never Sweats" Oppose Labor.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

The members of the "Brubromber Club," all young men whose ages range from 14 to 18 years, were entertained by the "Woman's Suffragist" at the residence of Mrs. Margaret Hill, 2606½ Mill street. All enjoyed themselves and a sumptuous repast was laid for the young men. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. F. W. Puryear and Mrs. M. Hill president of the Women's Club, Mrs. Monroe McLendon, Mrs. Luella Smith and Mrs. Dr. Puryear.

Your correspondent learns that a movement is on foot to organize a "Never Sweat Club" and one of our prominent young men has been slated for its president. Well, this movement beats the record. What is its aim? What is its object? Your correspondent has been informed that its object is to refrain from work, live as best they can, and their aim is to push themselves on society whether invited or not. Let this matter drop right here, or else The Freeman will expose the entire affair.

John Musick, a notorious and desperate character of Hog Hollow, twenty-five miles west of the city, in St. Louis county on the Olive street road, loaded up with bad whisky last Tuesday night, armed himself with a six-shooter and started out on a shooting expedition. He went home, shot his wife, wounded several other people, narrowly escaped being lynched, and wound up a corpse in the hands of the coroner. Musick had been a terror to the people in that community for several years, had "done time" on the Clayton chain gang, and was an ugly character to deal with. He was insanely jealous of his wife.

El-Bethel Baptist church, North St. Louis, is again resting in peace, but Rev. P. G. Bogg is out in the cold, and under present existing circumstances, will have to move around very lively during the winter to provide for himself and family. A council was called last Tuesday night, the members were fellowshipped into the church, but Rev. Bogg was ousted. Occurrences like these are the causes for the springing up of so many petit missions into our community and the amount of good they are doing, would take a microscope to discern it. These churches need a little more religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, instead of idolizing their pastors, as is their greatest fault.

The doors of the North St. Louis A. M. E. church at Baden were closed against its pastor last Sunday. A difficulty arose between the pastor and trustees which will be aired in the courts. More anon.

Mrs. Aaron Franklin, 1030 Elliott avenue, has been confined to her bed for the past two weeks, and has been greatly missed in church work.

George E. Temple, a clerk in the office of the Board of Public Improvements, has been confined to his bed for several days.

R. L. Shelton of Chicago, passed through our city last Friday en route for Hot Springs, and was entertained by the Attuck's Improvement Association.

Miss V. S. Clay, a member of the present Normal class, in order to help herself during her studies, has taken the agency of a work on elocution, and it is one of the best on the market. Miss Clay is a deserving young lady and merits the patronage of her many friends.

Mrs. John Oliver, 2641 West Lucas avenue, entertained friends at her home on Friday evening, and an enjoyable time was spent until long after midnight. Among those present were Misses Victoria Clay, Norah Jones, Gertrude Johnson, Clementine Jordan, Emma McFadden, Louise Morgan, Mrs. Bertha Whitfield, Messrs. J. and E. L. Shelton, C. F. Overton, J. Love, T. L. Gentry, W. L. and W. Johnson, C. W. Whitfield, J. Ruckle and S. J. Wilkinson.

Mrs. C. W. Whitfield left for Washington, D. C., last Saturday and will remain a guest of her mother in that city for a few months.

Emma E., wife of Edward Winchester, departed this life last Tuesday evening, and leaves many friends to mourn her loss.

Waiters in the hotels of our country are generally so mixed that the good becomes bad and the bad worse; but such cannot be said of the waiters at the Terminal Hotel, Union Station. Among them we have the scientific, classic, and dramatic scholars, and instead of wasting their time gambling as is customary in all our hotels, they devote their time reading Shakespeare, developing scientific researches and discussing the classics. Society has thrown open its doors to these young men, and instead of lowering its standard, they tend to elevate it, and The Freeman prays that they will continue in their good work and make St. Louis the model city of our Union.

Mrs. Jenine Thomas, 2227 Scott avenue, entertained her friends last Monday evening and an enjoyable time was spent in dancing, cards and checker playing, which lasted until an early hour in the morning, and all expressed themselves as having had a delightful time. Among the many present were: Misses E Lewis, E Robinson, L. E. Bishop, E. Blackburn, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Parish, Messrs. Green, E. L. and J. Shelton, C. W. Whitfield, C. Overton, S. J. Wilkinson, Grant and Morgan.

Mrs. Alexander Bailey, nee Sarah Catherine Hunt, a prominent resident of our city is desirous of locating Wm. Henry Harrison Hunt, Mary Jane Hunt, Francis Russell Hunt, and Charlie Hunt, who formerly belonged to Jim Crain and came from Poplar Plains, Ky., to Lexington, Ky., in 1850. Any information leading to their discovery will be thankfully received by Mrs Bailey, 2120 Lucas avenue.

Mrs. L. Grundy of Paducah, Ky., is visiting Mrs. J.H. Minor, 2117 Lucas avenue, and is taking in all the places of interest in our city.

Mrs. Susan Dantridge, 2106 Lucas avenue, has been confined to her bed with rheumatism ever since the holidays.

Again The Freeman is compelled to call attention to the sidewalk assemblies, before, during and after services on Sunday nights. This will be the last notice given, and if such continues, look out—you'll be written up.

B. J. Carruthers visited The Freeman office last Saturday, purchased a paper and expressed himself as being highly pleased with the work of the paper in St. Louis. Mr. Carruthers is one of our bright young men, chairman of the Trustee Board of Central Baptist church, connected with many secret and benevolent societies, has a charming wife, and is one of the most pleasantest young men with whom to enjoy a few moment's conversation.

The West End Republican Club of the 17th Ward, one of the strongest Negro ward clubs in the city, elected last Thursday night officers for the ensuing year: There were no contestants and the following persons were unanimously elected: President, Dr. W. P. T. Jones, first vice president, E. L. Shelton; second vice, G. W. Lane; secretary, S. J. Wilkinson; assistant, D. E. Woolfork; treasurer, A. W. Lloyd, and sergeant-at-arms, Sandy Curry.

Your correspondent in going around the city has often times run across the editors of the American Eagle and the Expositor. These gentlemen have hitherto sat in their dens all day with their heads pillowed on their hands enjoying beautiful dreams of success in their journalistic career, but since the advent of The Freeman in their midst, they have realized that in order to earn the salt in their bread, they must get out and hustle. Gentlemen, the field is a large one, and we being on terms of friendship, let us make a canvass and represent our respective journals on their merits.

MATERNAL AFFECTION.

Womans' charms are certainly many and powerful. The expanding rose just bursting into beauty has an irresistible bewitchingness; the blooming bride led triumphantly to the hymeneal altar awakens admiration and interest, and the blush of her cheek fills with delight, but the charm of maternity is more sublime than all these. Heaven has imprinted in the mother's face something beyond this world, something which claims kindred with the skies—the angelic smile, the tender look, the waking, watchful eye, which keeps its fond vigil over her slumbering babe. These are objects which neither the pencil nor the chisel can touch, which poetry fails to exalt, which the most eloquent tongue in vain would eulogize, and on which all description becomes ineffective. In the heart of man lies this lovely picture; it lies in his sympathies; it reigns in his affections; his eye looks round in vain for such another object on earth. Maternity, ecstatic sound! So twined around our hearts, that they must cease to throb ere we foaget it! 'Tis our first love; 'tis part of our religion. Nature has set the mother upon such a pinnacle that our infant eyes and arms are first uplifted to it; we cling to it in manhood; we almost worship it in old age. He who can enter an apartment and behold the tender babe feeding on its mother's beauty, nourished by the tide of life which flows through her generous veins, without a panting bosom and a grateful eye, is no man, but a monster. He who can approach the cradle of sleeping innocence without thinking that "of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," or see the fond parent hang over its beauties, and half retain her breath lest she should break its slumbers, without a veneration beyond all common feeling, is to be avoided in every intercourse of life, and is fit only for the shadow of darkness and the solitude of life.

S. J. WILKINSON.

A General Call.

To all Grand Commanderies of Knight Templars wherever dispersed throughout the United States, greetings: Believing that one common cause animates us, and one common impulse stirs to battle for truth, justice and humanity, and that the common welfare of all Templarhood would be advanced by a general union, therefore, we, representing the United Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri and jurisdiction, do issue a call to all Grand Commanderies and their representatives to meet in the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, on Monday the 22nd day of February, 1897, then and there to take steps preliminary and pursuant to the formation of a General Grand Encampment for the United States. In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of the United Grand Commandery this 15th day of January, A. D., 1897, A. O. 778.

CHAS. W. PRENTICE, R. E. G. Commander.
Attest: O. M. WOOD, Grand Recorder.

Tuscumbia Notes.

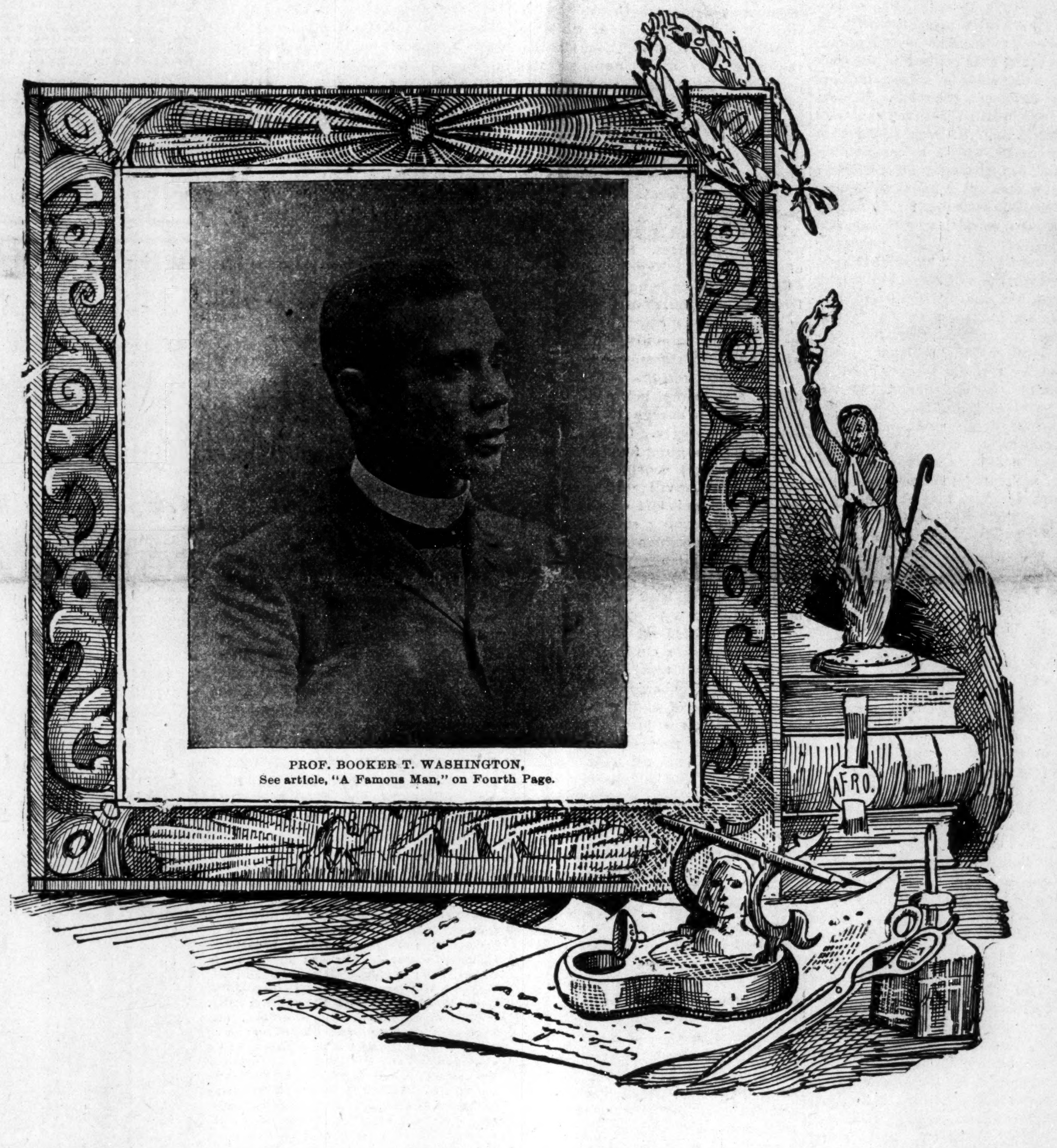
Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Tuscumbia is having excellent weather this winter. The young people have been enjoying a series of entertainments in the city. Miss S. E. Noil who is teaching at Cary Springs, Ala. was in the city on the 23rd, visiting her mother. She is a graduate of the A. and M. college, at Normal Ala. Mrs. L. B. Meredith paid Sheffield, Ala., a visit on the 23rd. The churches of our city are well organized for this year. The Baptist Young People's Union will soon be set in motion in the Baptist church. The Christian Endeavor Society is to be organized in the near future in the A. M. E church. Rev. A. A. Sensabaugh, pastor of the A. M. E church visited the City school on the 22nd. He seemed to be well pleased with the work being done by the school, especially the algebra class work. Rev. Thomas, presiding elder, for the Courtland District of the C. M. E. church, has moved to our city. We extend to him and family a hearty welcome. J. T. Fitzgerald, of Town Creek, Ala, paid us a short visit Saturday, the 23rd. He is one of Colbert county's active teachers. On the 5th of Feb. the Colored City School Literary Society will have what is known as "Negro Day." All the recitations, declamations, select readings, quotations, music, etc., will be taken from Negro authors. That day is to be a grand one. Prof. G. W. Trenholm, the principal, wishes to create in the students a love and thirst for Negro literature.

Destroyed Their Homes.

Redemption, Ark., Special.

A serious incident occurred here Saturday night, two men armed with Winchesters went to the house of L. M. Rucker and destroyed nearly all the contents. All of the occupants made their escape unhurt except Wade Madden who recieved a wound in the right leg. J. B. Caldwell recieved a severe wound in the shoulder while trying to arrest the parties. Alexander Washington, an aged and respected citizen of this community died the 20th inst. Rev. F. K. Patterson has been called to the pastorate of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church this year. George and Miss Dovie Epps left for home Thursday. Milton Jenkins and son, of Pine Bluff, are citizens of this community. Misses Laura and Melana Casey left to attend the Branch Normal College at Pine Bluff. You can get The Freeman twelve months for $1.00. Don't miss it.



PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON,
See article, "A Famous Man," on Fourth Page.

THE QUESTION OF TAXATION

IMPORTANCE OF TAX LEVY NOT APPRECIATED BY THE PEOPLE.

Capitalists and Foreigners Have Played Sad Havoc With the Modern "Noah Baxter's" Chances in Obtaining Lands.

Perhaps no more original and interesting a missive was ever penned under like circumstances than that of Noah Baxter's in The Freeman of the 9th inst. That Mr. Baxter is a student of the race and has formed ideas well nigh correct can be plainly read between the lines. He falls into error, but pray which of us do not? Having traveled, as he has through a long and perhaps more or less weary life notwithstanding he is raising his own corn, he has doubtless seen much to confirm his belief in the dishonesty of man. Possibly he has drawn these conclusions from the force of examples taken from his own environment and now fully believes that "there're all alike."

Prof. Thompson in an attempt to disabuse the old gentleman's mind of his very logical reasoning falls into as great an error as does Mr. Baxter, the one a pessimist the other an optimist. No man becomes great without ambition, but all men do not seek the same goal. The men who spent their lives in the cause of abolition and lived to read Lincoln's proclamation, had as truly gained their reward as the political worker who had received a lucrative appointment.

There are men working for freedom to-day some of whom perhaps know that they will not live to see the day when their reforms will be reduced to law but who are repaid with the progress of the work and the satisfaction of having done their duty to their brother man while here on earth. Men then must want something to stimulate them to action; to obtain it though it is not always of strictly selfish nature as is the rule. Nor should friend Baxter comdemn men for seeking wealth or official preferment for in these times it requires a smart man to ebtain wealth and an honorable man to obtain office and both are honorable when rightfully acquired. Noah Baxter hit the bulls eye when he said: "If I could raise 100 barrels of corn before the war for Miss Baxter, why can't I raise it for myself now?"

Friend Baxter doubtless obtained his land when it was very cheap since he obtained it shortly after the war, and right here is where he misses fire; he thinks the young Negroes of to-day ought to do at least as well as he; he has failed to keep account of what has been going on around him; he has failed to note that capitalists and foreigners has been gobbling up all the available, valuable land until there is none for the Noah Baxters of to-day to "bort" except at extortionate prices. It will not be a sufficient reply to say that there are thousands of acres at so and so much. The fact is that the people who need land cannot obtain it and that is sufficient evidence of the "dog in the manger" keeping the people, the Noah Baxters, from God's bounty to mankind, who would raise their own "corn" if givem an opportunity. Nearly every white family in the South was made rich by black labor before the war. Why cannot the black men make riches for themselves? Simply because their freedom was in part, a mockery. They woke up the next morning and found that they were compelled to go to work for the master and receive anything for his labor the old master choose to give, and if he did not want to work for the old master, why any other old master would do; they had to work for some of them for they had no place they could raise their own "corn" be independent of the master who had his plantations carefully preserved to him.

Some of them (the master) discovered it was less trouble to rent a part of their plantations to their old slaves and the slaves, apparently, jumped at the opportunity to rent a piece of ground to raise cotton and corn on, but at the end of each year they found that they always owed the old master an increasing balance, the result is the old masters have most all recouped their fortunes since the war and the ex-slaves well they still owe their balances. Now friend Baxter if you want to know how the young Negroes can obtain land as easy as you did and I think we best leave friend Thompson out of this deal, because he's got a good thing down in Washington and don't know nothing about corn no how. Just send over to New York and ask Henry George for one of his books, he'll send it to you and it will tell you how this beautiful land of ours would feed, and cloth, and shelter the whole world, it will tell you how this lovely earth will make selfish men unselfish; wicked men good; and stamp poverty and shiftlessness out of the land by a simple question of taxation. Most people do not appreciate the importance of the tax levy.

The fathers of our country knew that England assumed an unjust power when she attempted to collect duties on their imports and rather than pay them they threw cargoes of tea into Boston harbor thereby causing the war of the revolution. Millions of dollars worth of commerce was diverted from Philadelphia to New York because of a difference of 1 per cent. in local taxation. Every foot of valuable vacant land is held from those for whom God intended it, by land grabbers, by reason of the fact that the whole people do not receive from it the value they gave it. Some years ago I wrote a propaganda letter to one of our race women who was doing a noble work as a teacher in a rural locality, in her reply, she said: "I feel that our people have very little interest in

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MAJORS' MORAL PHILOSOPHY

IS BUT THE VENOM AND SPLEEN OF AN UNSCRUPULOUS MAN.

He Holds up the Evil Actions of one Straw Man to Ridicule, but Lets the Good Deeds of his Ninety-nine Brethren Pass Unnoticed.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In your issue of January 21 appears an article from Dr. M. A. Majors, under the caption of "The Negro's Progress," but it seems to have been intended more particularly to vent his spleen on Negro preachers and the church in general. He says "The Negro ministry has done the Negro great injury as well as good," and then he represents that ministry as ignorant, immoral and vicious, and fails to tell us of any services said ministry has rendered to the race. Now I will admit that we have had many ignorant, immoral and vicious preachers and that there are some of them still to be found. It is also true that we have had many ignorant, immoral and vicious doctors and there are some of them still to be found, unquestionably as many immoral doctors as preachers, and yet this moralist never holds them up for examples.

But the bad preachers and the bad doctors of the past were the results of their environments. That slavery weakened the morals of the whole race, there is no use for us to deny. That this weakness should be found among the leaders as well as in the rank and file, is but the repetition of the history of all races. Among these ignorant masses the most influential men in the community were the preacher and the root doctor. The latter has just as much right to be recognized as a doctor as the former has to be held up as a minister. They both did the best they could in their ignorance, and there was much more good than harm accomplished. Those old preachers taught the younger people to fear God and to reverence the bible, a book of which the preacher himself knew but little. The younger people feared God and studied the bible and therein learned the lesson of true morality much better than the preacher had taught them. Hence it is, that those ignorant preachers laid the foundation of the morals which we now have, while they may have had very mistaken ideas of morality.

That preachers of to-day go astray sometimes is also true, but the same is true in the white ministry. One has only to read the newspapers to see constantly gross charges being made against white ministers. Why does not this moralist charge that the clergy in general is doing civilization great harm? The truth is that the evil deeds of the bad preacher are held up to the light, while the good deeds of his ninety-nine associates are passed by without notice. It is by the same rule that one drunken man, passing along the street, is noticed by everybody, while a hundred sober people pass along and attract no attention.

But the Doctor is determined to make a point against Negro preachers, so he puts up a straw man as a college president. He does not dare to name the man, but so describes him that with our limited number of colleges, it is an easy matter to locate the one alluded to. When I ran over the list of college presidents I said those movements fit just one man, and yet he is above reproach. That president lived many years in this state before entering the ministry, serving as a teacher, and bore an untarnished reputation. He joined the conference in the same class with the writer; after a few years was called to take charge of a Southern college. This position he finally resigned and accepted an appointment in the far West. This not proving satisfactory, he returned home and served with great acceptability two of the leading charges in his native state. While in the second charge he was invited again to return to the college, and accepted. No man in Indiana has a better reputation than this man has here at home where he has lived, taught, studied and preached for years. Now it is not my purpose to defend any guilty man, but I am defending the church against such unscrupulous defamers as this man Majors. But lest I might still be mistaken, and knowing that Majors lived in the same town where the college referred to is located, I have made further inquiry, and learned from one of the trustees of the institution who has resided in the same town for thirteen years, that no such charges was ever made against the president in question. He explains further that Dr. Majors has some personal grievances against said president and the bishop of that district, which accounts for the attack. Affidavits are offered to support the denial. So it may be that the doctor did not refer to this man. But herein lies the venom of the attack upon Negro preachers, that he would thus stab in the dark and then shift about and leave reputable men, men who are not deserting their wives and babies, but are taking care of those to whom nature and religion binds them, under the suspicion of being libertines and adulterers.

If the doctor really knows of any such person as he describes, let him name him and all the parties implicated, and tell us what the proofs are. Then we can give some attention to what you say. Until then we must believe that he is simply venting his personal spleen and hatred for the African church.

He says again: "Did this libertine belong to other christian organizations I know, he would be glad to occupy the seat of a penitent the balance of his days." Now we would like to know what that church is that punishes immorality any more readily than does the A. M. E. church? In all churches it is true that some men escape punishment. Henry Ward Beecher escaped, Brown, of California, escaped, and so some of our men succeed in evading justice, but many are punished. In the conferences of last year several men were expelled for immorality. A very prominent minister, holding one of our most noted charges, was suspended for divorcing his wife and marrying another. True, there is much yet to be done on the line of reform, but no other colored religious organization is making more earnest efforts than is the A. M. E. church. The doctor should be manly enough to make his charges against individuals, instead of against professions or churches. But the wildest assertion in this whole tirade against preachers and churches, was this statement: "The Negro will never be a race until they realize that morality comes not from religion, but from maternity and the hearthstone, * * that character is nothing to religion any more than an elephant to a crocodile."

Who would believe that a man who could ever be called a doctor would be ignorant enough to make such a statement as that? But there it is with his name signed to it. The most ignorant preacher that ever ranted in the back woods never made a wilder, or more illogical statement than that. If there is no more relation between character and religion than between an elephant and a crocodile, why is he complaining about the bad character of preachers? If religion does not shape the character of a people, what does? Maternity produces the morals, as you say, and not religion. Where does maternity get her morals, pray? I would like to know what system of moral philosophy the doctor has studied that taught him that religion has no more to do with character and morals than have elephants with crocodiles? What the Negro needs most to-day is more practical christianity. His christianity, like that of his white brother, has been somewhat warped by his environments. If intelligent people could so warp the teachings of Jesus Christ as to favor slavery, with all its concomitant evils, it is not strange that the enslaved would also bend the same religion to favor their passion, especially when the master class set the example in unbridled indulgence of their lower natures. As character comes from maternity, immorality comes from the same. Practical christianity carefully educates the fathers and mothers that they may impart to their off-springs pure moral character. This is done not merely by training, but it must be infused into the blood. Thousands of characters are ruined before they are born; others are prepared for noble lives before they breath the breath of life. This kind of teaching is what the Negro lacks. We must be taught how to strengthen the character of the unborn generations, and then each succeeding generation will be stronger than the other.

Bishop Payne was teaching these things and demanding progress in the Negro ministry before Booker T. Washington was heard of, although the doctor gives the latter credit for "starting the ball to rolling." If the doctor really desires to help his race, let him not decry religion, the church and the ministry, the strongest moral forces there are among us to-day, and to which he is indebted for whatever morals he possesses, but let him, as a physician, give us lectures on "Crime and heredity," 'Maternity and moral strength" and kindred subjects which a physician should be familiar. I really believe that he would not make such an ignoble failure as he did in trying to lecture on moral philosophy. Every man to his calling you know.

D. A. GRAHAM,
Bethel A. M. E. Church, Indianapolis.

C. H. & D. TRACTION CO.

To Be Operated Between Cincinnati, Dayton & Toledo.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State for what will be the biggest electric railroad system in the world. The articles were filed by Hon. Harry Probasco, as counsel of the company and Chief Clerk Kinney, of the office of Secretary of State, at once issued the charater. The projection contemplates the making of an electric road of the entire Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway system, between Cin. & Toledo and also between Dayton and Ironton. The new company is to be known as the C. H. & D. Traction Company, and under the articles of incorporation it is authorized to lease, own, acquire, build, operate, or maintain, either alone or in conjunction with any other street, suburban, interurban, or other railway company of street suburban or interurban railway, to bo operated by electricity steam or any other motive power, to do a freight and passenger business. The capital stock of the company is $50,000.00, in $100 shares. The incorporators are C. G. Waldo, D. G Edwards, Geo. R. Balch, R. P. Rifenberick, and C. A. Wilson. The capital stock of the company while small, it is expected will be enlarged veay materially at a later date, the object being for the first operation to equip the line between Middleton and Hamilton, which can be done at a very small expense, the track and road bed, being all complete. From the experience acquired in his initial plant, the development of the line of the C. H. & D. Ry., between Cincinnati and Hamilton, and also othe points, will be carried on.

THE HAND OF OPPRESSION

STILL CRUSHES THE SOUTHERN NEGRO'S MANHOOD.

Through the Nefarious Practice of Infuriated Mobs, Homes are Made Desolate—Grant Neal's Successful Work for The Freeman.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Grant S. Neal, traveling representative of your valuable paper, I make this feeble attempt to write you ere the close of this most eventful year. Of course, I have been out of the harness for some time, both as a subscriber and a contributor, but your amiable representative has harnessed me up again. There is no doubt but that Mr. Neal is certainly capable to make lasting friends for the paper he so worthly represents. But the election is over now, and ever thoughtful mind has already turned over to page 1897. With the Negro, the question is "What will my condition be one, two, three or four years hence?"

I would impress all concerned to believe that the race's political position in the South is certainly a deplorabe one. His antagonist conspire to keep continually the hand of oppression upon his brow, that they may dwarf his intellect, crush down his manhood, and curtail his material progress, to the end that they may convince the world to believe that his freedom is a menace to the institutions of civilization. And, while the intelligency of the world concedes that the race has made unprecedented progress—that it has no rivalry in the glory of Greece and the grandeur of Rome, the malformation of certain class legislations, actuated by caprice, are simple constructions of that malediction and maltreatment which are designed to obliterate the star of his past achievements.

Let us see how they resort to the nefrarious practices. First, by means of violence, the Negro is either imprisoned, shot, or hanged on the most frivolous occasion, and without judge or jury; and the courts of justice (!) look on with impunity. In anguish wild and amid the most excrutiating pain, he declares his innocence and pleads for mercy between life and death, only to enrage the more, their demoniac ferocity. If hanged the body is left dangling from a telephone post in the most conspicuous part of the city, town, or village; if burned, the charred vissage is left exposed to the rays of the morning sun. The multitudes, except members of the race, looked on with jubilant satisfaction. The shrieks of the dead man's wife and children, whose lives have been thus made blank, are treated ridiculously by the infuriated mob—in many instances they are cursed, threatened and even driven away. Another feature singularly characteristic of this diabolical fiend of civilized barbarity, is the fact that the jury is invariably made up of a part of the mob and their sympathetic allies—a coalition calculated to defy all the law of the land and to set aside all judicial comments and decisions from justice jay down.

Since our constitution mitigates the severity of punishment, it is especially true that they set at naught the organic law of the land. The Fifth Amendment provides that "No person shall be held for capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on presentment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the malitia when in actual service in time of war or public danger." A presentment is an accusation made by the grand jury from their own knowledge or from evidence before them. An indictment is a formal accusation drawn up by the proper officer. Since congress has never authorized trials on presentment, no person is in fact, brought to trial except on indictment. And, when indicted; Amendment six gives a right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury, and in contradistinction to the law prevalent in England previous to the reign of William and Mary in 1688, the accused, by the amendment above, is also entitled to witness and councel of defense. With mobocracy, there is no speedy public trial, such as the law contemplates; no impartial jury; no witnesses and councel of defense. The charge is Negro domination, upholding republicanism; the penalty is death; the verdict of the partial jury impaneled to hold the sham inquest is "Guilty party unknown." No argument is needed to sustain the veracity of the above statement, but to convince the most skeptical I will introduce next.

Secondly, by intimidation and fraud the Negro is either kept away from the polls by threats, or his vote when cast, subserves no good whatever. These are instruments of the most flagrant kind. They are offensive to the nostrils of civilization. They are as detestible as the "reign of terror" and as dreadful as hell. The right to vote is one of the highest privileges freemen possess, and when this becomes abridged, freemen become base, ignoble slaves. Disfranchisement is the strong hold of tyranny. The latter produces caste, and caste is the inevitable historical consequential destruction of the very government in which it exists. There is indesputable evidence in the archives of antiquity. When the life existence and maintenance of nations are taken into consideration the dead, past and the unborn future are the same. If the Republican party would add to its strength for all time to come let it not fail to seriously consider the condition of the deserted fort of the South.

JNO. G. MONROE,
Principal Columbia School,
Luna, Ark.

A Storm Party.

Camden, Ark., Special.

A host of Rev. C. Beasley's friends stormed him Wednesday night Jan. 13. They greeted him with the melodious song "Blessed Assurance." The city colored school is progressing. They have organized a literary which renders a program every Friday evening. This being election day the following persons were elected: Miss Annie J. Arrington, president; Miss Lula Green, vice president; Miss Ruth Daily, secretary; Miss Ruth Simmons, assistant secretary; Miss Christiana Morris, treasurer; Miss Emma Simmons, chaplain; Messrs. H. Rinehart and F. Brown sergants; Messrs. Lloyd Cox and Pompie Johnson, editors. The club known as one of the twelve tribes Mrs. M. E. Gatlin, captain gave a Boston tea party Friday night the 15th at the city hall. Mrs. Laura Burks of Arkadelphia is the guest of Miss Walker, Mrs. Georgia Arrington has recovered from a recent illness of lagrippe. Mrs. Katie Waddell and Mrs. Dora Young are on the sick list. Mr. J. E. Arrington after a two weeks visit to parents and friends, returned home Thursday the 7th. Prof. G. W. Gentry is housekeeping while his wife and little daughter are visiting relatives and friends in Ft. Smith. The Nashville students were at the opera house Jan. 4, and showed to a crowded house. Prof. J. C. Cole who has been visiting friends in the city returned to his work at Pine Bluff, Ark., the 3rd. The teachers' association met Saturday. The weather being unfavorable the number was small, but good was accomplished.

Personal Mention.

Springfield, Ill., Special.

Mr. Minus Dunn of West Carpenter street, is quite ill with congestion of the lungs. Mr. S. Hiland is giving great satisfaction as second waiter of the Lealand Hotel. S. B. Turner, a prominent attorney of Chicago, is in the city. Levi Leomus Pearson, an aspiring young Afro-American poet of Jacksonville, Ill., was in Springfield during the inaguration. Fred Dabney editor of the Chicago Daily Leader, is in the city. Wm. Barbour is suffering with a cold. The concert given at St. John's A. M. E. church Tuesday was well attended. Miss Sadie Sidney has returned from a pleasant visit to Waverly, Ill. Mrs. M. Washington of E. Mason street, who has been sick for some time is very much better. Ed. White is becoming an expert mandolin player. The following people are indisposed: Jack Broady, Jim Bolden and Walter Oglesby. The St. Paul sewing circle met at Mrs. Bell's last week and presented a beautiful embroidered apron to their president, Mrs. Eva Lewis.

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BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA

IN AFRICAN MISSIONARY WORK OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. F. G. Snelson Appointed by Bishop Turner to Push Forward the Work in Sierra Leone–A Reception Tendered Him.

It is the hope of the writer that the following article will reach even the most remote members and followers of the great A. M. E. church and that its contents will be carefully studied and thoroughly discussed.

The "Mother Society" of African Methodism was not born to express merely local sentiment, but stood forth as the exponent of principles which were and are propagable and with this original society was born the spirit of propagandism. The evidence of this truth is the fact that within a period of less than thirty years the movement had been widely extended and a central organization formed. In the histories written by Bishop Payne, Bishop Tanner, Bishop Gaines and others, we may trace the direction and course of the movements of this early propaganda and see how true each succeeding generation has been to the spirit of the fathers. The direction of the earliest movement was westward and was lead by Bishop Quinn. The current then ran southward, then toward the northwest and lastly pushed forth across the ocean. It is, however, true that from the very first the African Methodist church manifested an interest in the evangelization of Africa. The Rev. Daniel Coker, one of the founders of the A. M. E. church, a man of the type represented alone by Bishop Quinn and Bishop Turner, emigrated in 1820 to Liberia, and from there proceeded to Sierra Leone where he organized a church. The building was still standing in 1852. Since then others have ventured to plant our church on the shores of Africa. But it was not until 1878 that decided steps to gain a foothold in Africa were taken. It was that most far-sighted and daring of all the fathers, the late Bishop J. M. Brown, who sent the Rev. S. F. Flegler to Liberia in 1878. This energetic missionary organized and put into operation the various scattered and feeble forces, and gave to the church the rudiments of what has now become a well established mission field.

In 1885 Bishop J. P. Shorter, Bishop Jabez Campbell, Dr. J. M. Townsend, missionary secretary, Dr. Roberts and others gave favorable consideration to an appeal from certain trustees of Zion Chapel, Freetown, Sierra Leone, and sent the Rev. J. R. Fredrick to Africa to receive and take charge of the work thus providentially thrown into our hands. There is no doubt that traditions of the work of the Rev. Daniel Coker caused this message to be sent across the seas. It was during the administration of the Rev. W. B. Derrick as missionary secretary that the next decided step to push our African work was taken. Bishop H. M. Turner, President of the Missionary Board, startled the church when he announced his intention of visiting Africa. He carried out his intention and gave organic form to our scattered missions. His report of what he found there was very encouraging, and soon aroused great interest and activity. Under wise and judicious management, there is no doubt, the work would have greatly prospered, but just as the church was beginning to become aroused to great missionary endeavors there was mingled with the talk of African evangelization a great deal of talk about colonization. This created confusion and greatly retarded the growth of the missionary spirit. Bishop Turner stuck to his project and in spite of all discouragements repeated his trip to Africa and also sent missionaries to carry on the work. Whatever may be the justice of the criticisms provoked this much is clear; "our work in Liberia has increased."

The experience of the past four years has given grounds for the belief that great good can be done in Africa provided that the missionaries sent forth are men thoroughly capable and who can command the confidence and respect both of the home church and the people among whom they go to labor. If such conditions obtain, the home church can be relied upon to furnish the money and the work will succeed. Bishop H. M. Turner lately appointed the Rev. F. G. Snelson as presiding elder of the Sierra Leone Conference. The Rev. Mr. Snelson is a graduate of Atlanta University, has served as pastor and teacher for a number of years, and bears a high reputation as a christian gentleman. A farewell reception was tendered him Jan. 12th at Bethel church, New York City. A large gathering was present in the spacious auditorium when the Rev. H. B. Parks, Secretary of Missions, introduced Bishop H. M. Turner as the chairman. Bishop Turner made an extended speech, in the course of which he said that he was now sending to Africa a man against whose character there existed no evil report, and of whose great integrity he felt assured. He spoke in high terms of the educational and moral qualifications of the Rev. F. G. Snelson for the work to which he had been assigned.

Bishop W. B. Derrick was the next speaker. He said that the United States sent as her representative to other lands only such a man as would be a type of the highest moral intellectual and social character of our citizens, and that the church could not afford to take a lower standard. Said he: "The day has come when the people of our church will not take hold of any movement which does not have at its head men of character. Our missionaries must be men of integrity and of ability." He then paid a high compliment to the Rev. Mr. Snelson and assured him of his sympathy and support. His words were heartily endorsed by Secretary Parks and the great audience. Secretary Parks made a stirring speech, during which he said many things that give grounds for high expectations. Others who took part were the Revs. W. D. Cook and F. Winn. Bishop Turner then introduced Mrs. F. G. Snelson who made a short speech. She said that she hoped soon to join her husband in Africa and to share his labors. Her words were heroic and inspired high feelings in all. A purse of $50.00 was presented to Rev. Mr. Snelson by Rev. J. M. Henderson in behalf of his congregation. The King's Daughters then invited the missionary and his wife and the bishops and ministers to a dainty supper served in the parlors of the church. January 13 at noon the Rev. F. G. Snelson stood upon the deck of the liner, Majestic, and bid farewell to the large group of persons who had assembled to see him off. His wife bore herself like a heroine. This marks the beginning of the new era in the African Missionary work of the A. M. E. church.

Remarks are unnecessary and would be out of place. The facts, the bare ungarnished facts, have been presented without sentiment, without prejudice. There is nobody who could find fault with the step taken. All that could be asked has been done. A scholarly, able and upright man has been sent forth to conduct our missionary efforts in Sierra Leone. He has in his pocket a through ticket and about $500. He has before him a field that is ripe for the harvest; he has back of him the heroic Bishop Turner, the stalwart and never changing Bishop Derrick, the astute an energetic Secretary Parks, and behind all of these is a loyal church of 500,000 Christian Afro-Americans. So far as the human side is concerned, everything bids fair for glorious success. The vast sea, the dread fever, the unknown dangers, the long line of difficulties, and discouragement, these, all of these, are in the hands of the Master who said, "Go into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature, lo, I am with you to the end." Let prayers of thanksgiving go up to heaven and let loving thoughts hover over our brother in his lonely journey and attend him in his far off field of labor. Let money never be lacking, and let the high standard never be relaxed. Let Mite societies, conferences and generous individuals all help to maintain the strict business system by absolutely seeing to it that all contributions pass directly through the hands of the one and only authorized agent of the church, the Rev. H. B. Parks, Secretary of Missions, 61 Bible House, New York City.

We have in Sierra Leone about fourteen churches and schools over which Rev. Mr. Snelson is to preside. We have vast opportunities, but we must ever keep in mind the wise words of Bishop Payne, written in his "History of African Methodism:" "Let the pastors we put in the pulpit of our church in Sierra Leone, West Africa, be spotless, well-trained, steady shining stars held in the Savior's hand—stars shining in his light and glowing in his lustre." Let the world go forth—a noble man has gone to bear the light to Africa.

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Don't stamp your feet to get them warm; it does no good and it is unladylike.

Don't forget to say "Thank you" to a salesperson after being waited upon. Simply because they have to earn their living in this way is no reason why they wouldn't appreciate courtesy. It is a little thing. Do it.

Don't wear your most elaborate gowns shopping; plain ones are in the best taste.

Don't say "ain't for isn't and aren't; there is no such word as "ain't."

Don't push to get on a street car or elevator; let the others off first.

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Corsicana Happenings.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurley have returned. J. R. Lee passed through the city last week enroute to Houston. Mrs. Ida Taylor was in the city last week on a visit to her husband, Mr. Henry Taylor. Secure The Freeman from the agent, I. E. Kennedy. Services at all the churches are well attended. Subscribe now don't wait. The literary lyceum is progressing nicely at present. Mr. Henry Taylor has recovered from his recent illness. Mrs. Durham is very sick at this writing. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas, a girl; mother and child doing well. We are informed that a wedding in high life will soon take place in this city. Dave Taylor went to Gardenvalley last week on a visit to relatives and friends. Mrs. M. E. Alford is on the sick list. Dr. D. J. Brown, the spiritual evangelist and healing medium, has effected some marvelous cures. Dr. Chipps has a large practice in this city and county. He is also a great admirer of The Freeman. Prof. Grant Lacy went to Waxahachie on the 15th inst.

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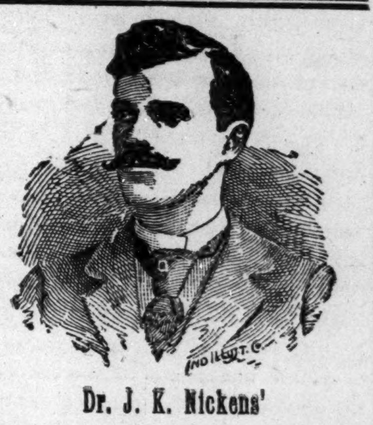

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MR. GEORGE A. MYERS.

We are not quite up to all the prattle that has been going on as to who and what Mr. Myers, of Ohio, was. The Freeman asked the question as to his political standing in a recent editorial, not because the editor did not know him, but because it was a question between men of prominence and honorable reputations. Mr. Myers was a delegate to the Minneapolis National Republican convention from Ohio, although elected as an alternate. He acted in conjunction with Bishop Arnett as the head of Ohio's colored delegation to the St. Louis convention. We get this last statement from Mr. Myers. Bishop Arnett can easily decide the relationship in this matter. We have it on very good authority that Mr. Myers was a delegate-at-large in 1895 to the Ohio Republican State convention. It does not appear that Mr. Myers was a valet in the sense of a body servant. He may have served Mr. Hanna in connection with his profession. Mr. Myers does not attempt to disown the fact, but does not feel chagrinned that he is thus charged. Mr. Hanna is doubtless too thoroughly an American to indulge in the valet fad in its strictest meaning. The above citations are doubtless the facts in the case. It is evident that some of the Myers' biographers have become slightly mixed. On the whole it would appear that the positions held by Mr. Myers in his state are indicative of worth and consideration. We are not prepared to clear the Ohio muddle. The Freeman bears none of the parties malicious intent.

WEALTH A NECESSITY.

"In order to be influential and respected, a race must get rich. The Negro must, therefore, strive to make money and to save it."—Jamaica Advocate.

The above article appearing in a paper published in the West Indies, is as applicable to our own country as to that little dependency. All the solons of the race who are presenting theories for the race's advancement, are rapidly arriving at the above conclusion. When the white races are striving for perfection mentally and physically, it must not be presumed that that they are going to admit to immediate fellowship a race that they hold is full of physical incongruities, mental stupefaction and moral obliqueness. The Greek, that specimen of manhood to whom the intellectual world pays homage, suffered long before the galling imprint of slavery, to the Romans, forgot its odious traces. These nature's noblemen, wearing the faces of their chosen deities, who had everything in their favor, who led while they served, were the foot balls of the house of the Cæsars—the play things of a nation. The Negro race can profit by the sum of the experiences of ages. These Greeks could not climb out of the effects of their condition for centuries, if ever. The proud spirit of the Greek is still crushed and broken, slavery has left it so. Slaves to the Romans, slaves to the Saracens—the home of Socrates, Plato, Macedonian Philip and Aristotle is now the sphere of vandalism. Her Parthenon, the envy of modern civilization, is the rookery of vampire bats and hooting owls, that make the night hideous with their moans. Yet the Negro will not, must not pale from civilization, nor falter in its upward tendency, because this ancient people has thus degenerated. But it is a vast lesson to know that the destiny of races are often circumscribed by its present and past conditions. Money is the quickest remedy, the shortest route that leads to appreciation. Money is the earth's destiny; it is a healing balm when all other remedies proves inefficacious. It serves as a restorative for lost affections and disappointments of every description, no matter how near to the human heart. It is a panacea that cures all ills. Booker T. Washington never fails to bear down on this point. Produce what the white man wants and he will appreciate the producer. Five thousand dollars to loan to a needy customer—no qualms of any kind is manifested. No race is legislated into respect. The wholesome laws of our constitution, a constitution that thunders in the index, is a monumental failure in bringing about its intents and purposes. A people has never been legislated upward. A good healthy sentiment is a thousand times better than a forced fruition. Education alone is powerless to cope with the circumstances. The whole country is being educated; it is no rarity. Let the wholesome principles of thrift and economy be instilled, and imperceptibly it may be, but as surely as the hour hand encircles the dial, the whole mass will be quickened into a steady upward tendency. "Put money in thy purse."

"WHAT ABOUT THIS?"

The above is the caption of an article appearing in the Memphis Scimitar, condemning the Southern press for idolizing Maceo. It says:

"Now what we should like to know is how or why the Cuban Negro is to be regarded as a hero, a patriot and in everything admirable, while the American Negro, who is probably his superior in every respect, is looked upon as unworthy of respect or confidence? Upon what meat doth the dusky islander feed that he hath grown so much greater than his American brother? Is life under Spanish rule and association with Spaniards more elevating to the black race than life under our rule and association with us? This blackamoor that these Southern papers are whining over may have been a brave and intelligent man, but his alleged victories in the field would be considered no more than affairs of outposts in a real war. But admitting that he was a Napoleon in ebony, we should have no right to say that the race which produced him in Cuba is incapable of producing even a competent voter in Florida, only a few hours' run distant. If our pro-Cuban Southern contempories would be consistent, they must accept the theory of the negrophiles of the North, that the Negro differs from the Caucasian only in color, and is fully equal to him if given the same opportunity. They cannot apply one theory to the Cuban black and another and totally different one to the black among us. We will venture to say that the average American Negro is as far superior to the average black Cuban as it is possible for better environment and example to make him. If we are to orate and poetize over the Cuban's rights and virtues, why deny to the American of the same race all claims to either rights or virtue?"

They say when — fall out just men get their dues. The Scimitar is a white daily paper. It has come a long ways in admitting that opportunity was the only thing lacking in the Negro race. Hereditary indolence and vice are to the winds. But the Scimitar in all of its beautiful painting of the Negro, we fear has been drawn out, out of prejudice against the one eminent Negro. The race profits at any rate by the admission.

It is now Senator C. W. Fairbanks, and right well can the man afford to wear the title. Indiana has much reason to be proud of her magnificent production at this period. The people have unlimited confidence in his sterling integrity and his towering ability. Mentally, physically and morally, we have the acme of manhood in the person of our highly honored fellow townsman.

The Negro Cabinet talk is on the wane.

A FAMOUS MAN.

There are various classes of men that the world admires. The old adage is that the world loves a lover. Probably that is true, but the world likes brain and genuine worth, and where these are found the best part of the world does not stop to look into the face or ask about the color of the hair, the cut of the clothes. Few men in this great nation of more than seventy millions have earned, during the past five years, a warmer place in public esteem than a colored man whose father and mother were slaves, and who, from a little boy, has fought his own battles to eminence as an educated man, to a mountain height as a man of brain, practical ideas and magnificent deeds. We refer to Booker T. Washington, who has worked in the interest of the colored people of the South in a manner that makes it the equal if not the superior of that done by any other human being on earth. It looks to-day as though that man were laying the foundation of good citizenship for the masses of the colored people of the South. In a recent speech this man of great intellect, vast energy, spotless reputation, genuine worth and a rare common sense that well goes with his other characteristics, made use of these words:

"As a race, I believe we are to work out our salvation; work it out with pen and ink; work it out with square and compass; work it out with saw and hammer; work it out with spade and plow; work it out on the farm, in the shop, school room, sewing room, the office and in all of life's callings. As before the war the Negro was bound to the white man by slavery, so now he must be bound to him by community of interest."

It will bear reading and rereading. Who could have given expression to an idea in better language? Who on that subject has given birth to grander ideas? They talk of Booker T. Washington for a place in the new President's cabinet. We blush for the man who suggested it, not but that he has the ability to fill with more than average satisfaction any place in the cabinet, except the law department, but because he is worth more to the United States, to his race, thousand times more, in the position that he occupies before the world to-day. It would be no promotion to that man to make him the governor of a state, a senator in congress, a cabinet minister. The place he holds in the hearts of the American people and as a mighty reformer, bereft wholly of everything that pertains to crankism, is many ranks higher than any of these could confer.—Milwaukee Telegraph.

YORUBALAND AND THE CONGO INSTITUTE.

Rev. Mojola Agbebi, M. A., Ph. D., of Lagos, Africa, is coming in for a good share of mention. He is a distinguished native, who has been absent, but is now on his way to his country to develop the Congo Institute scheme. Some time ago The Lagos Standard had the following to say of him:

"Our esteemed townsman the Rev Mojola Agbebi will proceed on his first visit to Europe on the Bonny at an early date. Among the intellectual, moral, and religious creations of the Colony of Lagos the above named gentleman holds a prominent place. His youth, his manhood, his education, his development, his literary and domestic struggle, his plodding career are all local and well-known. In our literary heavens his star is not of a small magnitude. He is known as an author, poet, writer, preacher, lecturer, patriot; and as if to emphazise his merits and qualifications and to award him his desert the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy have been recently and in a few weeks of each other conferred on him honoris causa in absentia by different distant Colleges. Dr. Agbebi is known in the United States as a writer on the Race Problem and as an advocate of the African Exodus. He has come in personal and epistolary contact with most of the great minds of his race in Africa and America. He belongs to the Ekiti tribe and was born of poor parentage in the Interior of Yorubaland on the 10th of April, 1860. As a reformer and a patriot he has been most practical, determinate, aggressive and exemplary. As a Poet, he has written one of the most phenomenal pieces ever attempted in West Africa. As a Lecturer, he has been most observant and philosophical. As a Preacher, he does not take a back rank among the preachers of the colony. As a public writer and an unflagging supporter of the press, he wields a trenchant pen and his composition is delightful. As a religionist, he has organised independent churches and schools, and is not weighted down by denominational cant or sectarian bias. Of late years and in keeping with his published ideas and utterances, he has assumed his original and native names of Mojola Agbebi and adopted a costume more eastern and African in style and character. During his recent and first visit to the Republic of Liberia and the colony of Sierra Leone. Dr. Agbebi was received with marked attention by eminent men, by Schools and Associations. His principal destination in England will be Congo Training Institute, Colwyn Bay, North Wales, of which the Rev. W. Hughes, F. R. G. S., is Founder, and through whose good offices the facilities of the voyage have been supplied. It is believed that Dr. Agbebi will make use of his visit to introduce the Colwyn Bay Institute Scheme into the work of evangelization in Yorubaland. Dr. Agbebi is one of the rising geniuses of the African race and we take leave of him as such; wishing him bon voyage, abundant successes in England and a safe return."

Lynchings have become so common in this country as to barely excite more than passing remark, unless they be accompanied by such exceptional savagery as that which marked the lawless execution of three Negro murderers at Amite City, La., on Tuesday night last. The phenomenal amount of homicidal violence in the United States has become a matter of serious concern. According to a recent article in The North American Review, by Judge Parker, of the United States District Court for the Western District of Kansas, there have been 43,903 homicides committed in the United States during the last six years. In the same time there have been 723 legal executions and 1,118 lynchings. Last year the homicides in this country reached the awful total of 10 500, or 875 per month. By way of comparison, it may be stated, on the authority of the Earl of Meath, that the number of homicides during 1896 in the United Kingdom was 289, or 24 per month. The homicides committed in this country by lynchers alone average 15 a month. We hold up our hands with horror over the rule of the Spaniards in Cuba. What hypocrisy! Before we attempt to deal with the Spanish butchers let us first control the butchers we have among us!—Philadelphia Record.

The above article is very much to the point. The zeal manifested to engage in an affray on account of man's inhumanity to man, in far away Cuba, seems very far fetched in face of the pernicious system of lynching that has gained a firm foothold in this country. It seems a trait far too prevalent to cast eyes seawards, so to speak, to sniff afar the troubles that confront other nations when a difficulty of the most hideous mien, lay crouching at our very portals. This love of fair play seems farcial; a mock virtue—a lying pretense.

"Six years ago the Legislature of Arkansas passed a bill appropriating $350 for the purchase of a painting of Jefferson Davis, and directed it to be hung over the speaker's chair, a place formerly occupied by a portrait of George Washington. Recently a member of the House, who had served in the Confederate army, introduced the following:

"'Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Arkansas, that Hon. Jefferson Davis's picture be removed from where it now hangs and place it to the left of the speaker's stand, where Gen. George Washington's picture now hangs, and that General Washington's picture be placed over the speaker's stand, where Hon. Jefferson Davis's picture how hangs.'

"The resolution was voted down by a very large majority. It takes a long time for some fools to outgrow their folly."—Indianapolis Journal.

And this is Arkansas that produces one Jones, who managed the late Democratic campaign. It is safe to say Jefferson Davis would not have encouraged them to such heights of folly.

The Barret law changes which is soon to be brought about, will prove the largest direct legislation in the people's interest that is likely to be affected this session. The present system is simply a huge mask behind which shark attorneys and other "highwaymen" hold the people up. It is very likely that the immense amount of public work done recently has been the means of showing the serious defects of this law. Under the present system property holding would soon become a burden. The legislature can do no one act that stands for so much as the amending of this law.

The Freeman has the highest consideration for the editor of the Cleveland Gazette. Regardless of the lampoons of "Larph" or the caustic criticisms of other journalists. We feel that Mr. Smith has made an honorable record in his party, a name in his race and a place in the nation. His tireless exertion for his race in bringing about the statutory enactments that thundered so loudly against mobs, can not be forgotten. His endeavors for McKinley and his unremitting toil for his party's success, are not to be brushed easily aside.

It seems that Hon. M. A. Hanna will inherit Hon. John Sherman's senatorial shoes. It goes without saying that Mr. Hanna is a very worthy heir. To no one man does the Republicans owe so much for its unexampled success as it does to him. He has occupied a very large place in the hearts of the people every since his auspicious advent into the political arena. The Napoleon of politics is a title he could wear with "comfort." Ohio will not fail to honor its distinguished citizen.

Every Negro would love to be a full fledged American citizen, enjoying all the privileges thereunto. Only the stone faced man sees it thus. Opportunity only, is the lament. Fifteen thousand witnesses to the fact are in this city.

NONE WERE WISE.

"Fifteen of the colored men who kidnapped William Walker and took him to the country to flogg him, have been arrested and permitted to plead guilty to a charge of assault and battery. The prosecutor thought it would be difficult to prove whitecapping, legally known as riotous conspiracy."—Indianapolis Journal.

These fifteen fools should have been given the extreme penalty of the law for their vicious intent. It is not sufficent that this same species of trick is being practiced on the members of their race almost daily out of disrespect for it, but they too must embark in the same business thereby giving a handle to the cause. It is not possible to crowd another such fifteen fools in so small a space as Terre Haute, Ind.

Mr. Jones, our representative, had the distinguished pleasure of making one of the speeches seconding the nomination of Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks for the U. S. Senatorship. Mr. Jones made a very pleasing speech. He was heard to quite an advantage in many places during the campaign, making in all very favorable impression.

"The Herod of Havana," says our Junior Senator Turpie when speaking of Weyler. The comparison is far fetched. Herod acted in another sphere. Attila, the scourge, would have been better.

The deposed queen of the Hawaii, familiarly known as Queen Lil, has been granted an interview with the President. The talk was very formal greetings, health, wealth, etc.

Our Councilman, Mr. John Puryear, votes the very modest sum of $450,000 for parks. The amount is simply bewildering. Nothing small about John. However, he is not alone in his taste.

We feel that our view of the school question is right and proper in view existing conditions. At any rate, one man is not answerable to another for his convictions.

Two young girls from the training room of this city were appointed as teachers in the city schools last week. The move is right and proper without any disrespect to persons displaced.

The tendency to unhorse a man who holds different views, is a trait in the race that needs "downing."

All business has been suspended this week in order that the weather might have attention.

Who will look out for the plain people, the common people whom Abraham Lincoln loved?

The Legislature of Indiana would do a good thing by amending the Barre t Law.

The Memphis Scimitar laments because the Southern press defies Maceo.

The Freeman is a household word.

Will Give a Cantata.

Hamilton, O., Special.

The grand United Order of Odd Fellows are making great preparations for the Ohio District Lodge which convenes here next August. They expect to make it a grand success. Rev Coleman, pastor of Payne Chapel A. M. E. church, has re-organized a choir composed of some of the best singers in the city. The music rendered last Sunday was most excellent. The following are the choir: Soprano, Mrs. D. Davidson; Mrs. N. Works, Miss M. Works, Miss A. Norman, alto; Mrs. W. Johnson, Miss E Howard, Mrs. C. Conway, tenor; C. Conway and C. Davidson, bass; R. Poindexter, Miss F. Carroll, organist. They are preparing to render the beautiful cantata "Ruth Glener." Sunday will be quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, the Presiding Elder Rev Ross will be present. Mrs. A. Nixon entertained friends last Sunday evening. The Ladies Sewing Circle was entertained last Thursday afternoon by Mrs. N. Baker. Mr. P. Cousins spent last Friday in Cincinnati. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ouzts was buried Thursday afternoon.

Good Revival Meetings.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

Revival meetings are being conducted at the following churches: Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, cor. 24th and Wabash avenue, and Bethel A. M. E. church, cor. 30th and Dearborn streets. All are having a good meetings. Flora Batson one of the greatest singers of the race, sang at three churches in this city; Arlington Hall Monday Jan. 11th for the benefit of the A. M. E. Zion church; Tuesday Jan. 12th at Bethel for its benefit; benefit Jan. 15th at Quinn Chapel for its benefit. All of which had a good attendance. Mrs. Alice Augusta in on the sick list, but is convalescing. It is rumored that Rumsey Riley will soon wed.

POETRY.

What It Is and What It Appears to Be at Varying Ages.

Ask the first half dozen people you meet "What is poetry?" and the result will be something like this: Five out of the six will look hurt at your springing such a question upon them and say lamely, "Oh, it's when the lines rhyme, you know!" and the sixth will be annoyed because, for the life of him, he can't say what it is and is afraid you'll think he doesn't know. As to the rhyming definition, beware how you accept it, innocent and simple as it looks. Applied, it will inevitably lead you to the conclusion that "Hamlet" and "Evangeline" aren't poetry, but that "Little Jack Horner" is.

The meaning of the word "poetry" varies, too, with our own age. Five-year-old thinks "Sing a Song o' Sixpence" and "Simple Simon" the greatest masterpieces of poetic thought; 15 won't look at either, but pores over the "Ingoldsby Legends," the "Ancient Mariner," and, for a change, the cheerful "Burial of Sir John Moore;" 20 dreams away Sunday afternoons over "Maud," and privately determines to be a Tennyson, too, some day, while 25 "hasn't time to read poetry."

There are two well known poems that always seem to me deserving of our greatest pity — "The Village Blacksmith" and "Casabianca." We give them all the little disagreeable jobs to do—all the kicks fall to their share, and none of the halfpence.

If a comic paper man is hard up for a joke, he falls back upon one or other of them, while the way they are both hacked and mangled and tortured in the schoolroom alone is positively cruel, and, outside its four walls, all the reward they get is general disfavor, to say nothing of social oblivion and derision.

But long after school has been left behind the boy of the burning deck and the smith with the brawny arms turn round upon us and take their revenge for all the obloquy and hard work heaped upon them.

They haunt us and bring in their train thoughts we would rather not think. We don't so much mind the memories of dingy schoolrooms and ink and tears and smudged copies that they force upon us, or even of half holidays spent in durance vile, but it is not of these alone that they remind us. No. They hint at the sad and foolish ignoble days and the long dead loves and hopes and aspirations that have filled our lives since, and we find ourselves contrasting what we are with what we were—too often, alas, a bitter thought!

After all, the greatest and best poetry is unwritten and will ever remain so. Our sweetest love songs come rippling over the meadows with the breeze that rocks the grasses in the long, soft summer evenings; our saddest dirges moan through the woods in the dark November days, when a damp mist hangs gray and pall-like over the hills and the dead leaves rustle as though swept by the feet of a ghostly funeral train, while for thrilling dramas and great, grand epics we need but to look round us into the faces and lives of living men and women.—Exchange.

New York Public Libraries.

The facts which The Book Buyer presents relating to the circulation of books in New York city through free circulating libraries cannot be questioned. Scant as is the aggregate number of books taken, when compared with the population, it is nevertheless satisfactory to learn that there are some few free libraries which can show that, as to readers, they have more. The following is from The Book Buyer's article:

How woefully New York is behind other cities of the country in bringing books within reach of the masses is seen from a comparison of the free circulating library systems. Last year, for example, there was a circulation in New York of something over 1,000,000 volumes by libraries that received a total appropriation from the city of $65,000. In the same year the Boston Public library circulated 850,000 volumes and received $175,000 from the city, the Chicago Public library circulated 1,150,000 volumes (the passion for reading being more general even than in Boston) and received $124,000, the Cleveland Public library circulated 595,000 volumes and received $60,000, and the St. Louis Public library received the same amount for a circulation of 331,000.

Luxury of Bankruptcy.

"Why don't you go into bankruptcy?" asked Judge Emden of the Lambeth county court, when Mr. Casswell, a sausage manufacturer of Camberwell, candidly admitted that he could not pay his debts except by small installments. "I am a poor man and can't afford it," replied the latter, who seemed to regard his honor's question as tantamount to asking a man with only twopence in his pocket why he did not treat himself to turtle soup and milk punch. Such luxuries as bankruptcy are not meant for the poor, and he sighed as he added, "You can't become bankrupt unless you have money." "Ah, yes," replied his honor, "quite true! A man in your position cannot indulge in the luxury of bankruptcy." So the unfortunate sausage maker was ordered to pay up at the rate of 10 shillings per month or go to jail for 14 days.—London Telegraph.

Scowling.

Don't scowl; it spoils faces. Before you know it, says a writer in The Standard, your forehead will resemble a small railroad map. There is a grand trunk line from your cowlick to the bridge of your nose, intersected by parallel lines running east and west, with curves arching your eyebrows, and, oh, how much older you look for it! Scowling is a habit that steals upon us unawares. We frown when the light is too strong and when it is too weak. We tie our brows into a knot when we are thinking and knit them even more tightly when we cannot think. There is no denying there are plenty of things to scowl about.

THE QUESTION OF TAXATION.

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the question of taxation for the reason that they have nothing to tax." Had she looked into the question a little bit more closely she would have discovered that our people not only pay the taxes on the property (land) they rent together with big interest on its value but almost every article they purchase, from school books to pig-feed (corn) is taxed either for the benefit of the Government or producer (manufacturer) this being true, every man of us should have an all fired interest in the question of taxation, that we may learn "Where we are at," that we may be, not only ready, but anxious to strike the blow that will free the land, that we may enter into the enjoyment of full and independent freedom as was doubtless intended by our great patron Lincoln. Come again, friend Baxter, we love to hear you talk.

U. R. RIGHT.

Success by Luck.

Success is made, and never comes by accident; therefore let us do away with the idea of succeeding by luck. Too many of our young people are being influenced by a foolish thought that they will at once achieve greatness by a turning up of some favorable unexpected event. Luck is deceitful and will not lead you to success, but to ruin. Young men speak of risking the chance of the occasion. That is a vain trust, dear friends. If you expect to wear honors, you must win them; because occasions can't do so. Every man who wants to win a battle, must prepare himself for the fight. Nothing you possess is worth having unless you conquer it by your own efforts.

A pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck. Aside from folly you must carry into your work a fullness of knowledge; then you will carry out your plan. Be able to do more than one thing and let it be known that you have more power than you are using.

Many of us get discouraged at our situations which, of course, have something to do with the affair, but I do wish that more considerations were bestowed upon their real uses and regard them as a capital sure to yield good returns. I can testify that poverty is uncomfortable, so don't let it stand in your way.

In such a country as this it is true that one who is worth saving, will seldom drown; and often it is better that a young man should be thrown into the river and compelled to sink or swim for himself. Don't live too fast, however but regulate and balance yourself and you will faithfully do the service signed to you. You may go the gait of a rabbit and you will run down in a year. Remove the check of morality and you will be an old man before you are thirty. Don't destroy your force with brandy, tobacco, idleness and crime. Resolve to do good and your country will honor you.

J. R. COFFEY,
Prin. Public School, Misterton, Miss.

A Successful Literary.

Hope, Ark., Special.

Owing to the stringency of times and the crisis which havecome upon the government generally, I will say business here is very dull, yet in the beginning of a bright new year, with hopes of confidence being restored in the future administration. The young people are sparing no pains in putting forth efforts to better their conditions intellectually as well as socially. The Literary Society organized a few weeks ago by the young people is being carried on very successfully. Prof. D. J. Jackson was made president of the socity with J. W. Welch as vice president. The young men with the loving confidence of the people generally and the aid of the pastor, Rev. Z. R. Reeves, will doubtless carry the work on to a success. The program rendered on last Monday night was very creditable. The essay read by Miss Prissilla Yancy on education was a most interesting one. We are glad to have Miss Mattie Kenard stay at home with us this year. She is a faithful worker in many instances, and deserves much credit as a lady. We also hope to have more readers of The Freeman in town this year. The company formerly known as Elliott and Lewis is now known as a Joint Stock Company. Success to The Freeman.

Struck by the Train.

Ennis, Tex., Special.

Green Dun and family left for Athens, Tex., where they will make their future home. On the evening of the 15th a man was struck by train No. 15 north bound. Letters in his pockets showed that he was a railroad man from Chicago. Readers will please remember the low rates will be extended to Feb. 15, 1897. H. Gray is agent for Ennis. Give him your subscription while it is $1.00. after the 15th the Freeman will be $1.50 per year. There has been a protracted meeting going on at Waymans Chapel A. M. E. church. Those on the sick list are: Prof. J. P. Elliott, Mesdames Fleter, Waldon, Maggie. Amanda Williams, Andrew Calvon, Ellen Washington, Rev. D. G. Biggins Robert Russell, Joseph Riley, Mrs. Sarah Conner, and John Battey. Henry Anderson while moving a house dropped a truck tongue on his foot. Robert Armstrong of Waxahachie, was in the city last week. Ed Broose passed through here enroute for his home, Waxachachie, Tex. Rev. Pryer was in the city recently the guest of A. Neal and family. Rev. Dr. Biggin is on the mend. John Swaine jr., is able to go to work again. Mr. Banks of Corsicanna, Tex., is in the city working up his barber trade. Noble Johnson is on the sick list. H. Gray agent.

Important Events of the Week.

Washington, D. C., Special.

The press of this city has been quite lavish in the praise of the newly elected United States Senator, Mr. Fairbanks of Indiana. The distinguished gentleman who has been thus honored by his state is eminently qualified to represent the great state of Indiana. He is rich in experience as a business man, able, shrewd and wise as a political leader, and from his record of the past we have no doubt but that he will add new laurels to those already acquired. Hon. C. V. Gates is a candidate for Recorder of Deeds, he is a white man, Mr. Thompson also a white man, is a candidate for the same position. It is rumored that Prof. R. T Greener of New York, L. C. Bailey, M. M. Holland and a score of fish too small to mention of this city are aspirants for the office. Hon. B K. Bruce has been mention by some of his friends for the cabinet, but we have nothing to convince us as coming direct from our friend, the ex-senator, that he is really a candidate for such a position. Senator Bruce is not only a very sensible man, but he is honest in his dealings, If he is with you he will tell you so, if not he will do likewise. Of all the colored leaders who have held positions here Senator Bruce is among the most reliable. He never fails to stand by his friends. It is rumored he is not a candidate for the Recorders office. It is rumored that Judge Nathan Goff of West Virginia, will be in the McKinley Cabinet. The Negro will find a true friend in Judge Goff. Mr. Addicks of Delaware, is making a fight for his seat in the Senate. Senator Wm. E. Chandler is interested in the behalf of Mr. Addicks and the distinguished senior Senator the favorite son of New Hampshire. Laura Jackson of 23rd street is suffering with a cold. Bishop Arnett's son is a candidate for the registership of the U. S. Treasury Department. The candidates for the position of Surgeon-in-Chief at Freedmans Hospital are very active among their friends. Dr. Purvis is fighting for re-instatement. Dr. Boyd of Tennessee, is also a prominent candidate, and will be here to press his claims about March 6th. We hope a real representative of the colored race will get the position. Such men as Dr. Purvis take more from the race than they add to it. Let us have a man appointed who is not ashamed of his race, who loves his race, and will do all he can to improve our condition. Mr. Maurice Honestly of the Government Printing Office, is one of the popular leaders of the Metropolitian M. E. church. The inauguration arrangements for president elect McKinley excell any heretofore prepared for any president. The parade, the fireworks, the music ball etc., will be worth witnessing.

Newsy Notes.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Joe Gaskins has returned from her visit to Paoli. She was accompanied by her father who will spend a short time visiting friends. Rev. Sam'l Burrell, formerly pastor of Wayman Chapel, and who has been assisting the Rev. L. W. Ratliffe in his protracted meetings, has gone to Muncie. Kokomo is coming to the front Messrs. Brown & Thompson will open a meat market on Taylor street soon. They desire the race patronage. Carl Bond is very sick at his home. Miss Ora Byrd is able to be out again after a few weeks illness.

The temporary shut-down of Armstrong, Landon & Hunt factory has thrown several of our people out of employment. Will Faust made a flying trip to Frankfort. The Ladies' Mite Missionary society of Wayman Chapel will hold another interesting session Monday Feb. 1. Miss Cordelia Perkins will read a paper entitled: "What should the A. M. E. church do to further the interests of their women—their further elevation." "South Before the War" company played here last week. They turned away several hundred people. Miss Cordelia Perkins spent a few days in Indianapolis. Our evening papers gave an account of Sam'l Ratcliffe, son of Rev. L. W. Ratcliffe, rendering an excellent piano solo before the High School. Mr. Ratliffe, is the school's pianist—the first instance in the history of Kokomo, where a colored pupil has had a similar position. Thornton Hines is able to be out again. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Gaskin are now housekeeping on W. Taylor street, near Lincoln. Rev. John G. Mitchell, of Wilberforce, O., is expected to pay Mitchell's Twentieth Century literary club a visit during the second week of February. The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Sharpe street, is very sick.

Personal Mention.

Montreal, Canada, Special.

It is rumored that three weddings will take place ere spring. C. T. White says The Freeman is the best colored paper ever published. Samuel Howard of Nashville, Tenn., is one of us. Miss Lillian Meddley of Quebec, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Patterson. Geo. Stevens is home again after a lengthy trip to Chicago. Ruben Croker left for Toronto this week. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barber left for the West this week. Read The Freeman, its the leading colored newspaper. Rev. John Brown of the Desriver St. Mission was accidently hurt at the C. P. R. Station a few days ago receiving internal injuries. The many friends of Mrs. Geo. Lions will be sorry to hear of her husbands sudden illness. He is in a critical condition at St. Paul, Minn. It is feared that he will lose his mind. The little son of Mr. B. Sportsman met with a serious accident last week, disfiguring his face terribly, Mrs. David Mason and Mrs. Wm. Clark are on the sick list. Messrs. W. F. Blackburn and Wm. B. Clark left suddenly for the House of Commons upon business of importance.

Fire Department Increased.

Columbus, O., Special.

Mrs. Jackson, of the Jackson house, is on the sick list. E. M. Dean, who has been running a hotel here for a number of years, has sold out and gone to Pittsburg to open a hotel. James White of Zanesville, has moved to Columbus. Mr. Tyler, of Champion avenue, is on the sick list. Miss Mary Thomas, of Neil street, is very low. There is quite a strife going on among the local politicians as to who will get the position as messenger in the State Auditor's office. Among the aspirants are J. Tyler, R. Williams, T. Henderson and Charley Davis. Wilbur King was successful in having the colored company at the Oak street engine house increased to a full company, which will require an engine and several more firemen. The Freeman is for sale at Washington's barber shop.

THE GOLDEN STATE.

California Is Widely Celebrated, but Little Known.

In the first place, California is known not by what millions of people have seen, but by what millions have read. Europe is better known by contact to Americans than California. A prominent American author recently "discovered" California and filled the newspapers with the interesting and suggestive impressions it had made upon his mind. He had been to Europe 20 times and to the Pacific coast once, which is once oftener than many other distinguished travelers of the eastern seaboard. Still further, the Anglo-Saxon race is dealing with new conditions in California. Coming from dense forests, from a land of heavy rainfall and from a temperate climate, where winters are long and stern, it settled in treeless deserts, in a land of slight and peculiar rainfall and under a sky that never knows the winter. Finally California is in its infancy.

Born in a paroxysm of speculation—one of the wildest the world has seen—it has outlived a trying experience of lesser economic epilepsy and come to the threshold of its true career strengthened and purified by the extraordinary process. In less than half a century several farreaching changes have swept through the industrial and social life of the state, swiftly altering the conditions of labor and of business. Even for those living in the midst of these events it has been difficult to read their significance and estimate their influence on the ultimate character of the place and people. What wonder, then, that to the outside world California has meantime appeared like a jumble of gold, palms and oranges, of gilded millionaires and hopeless paupers, of enviable farmers living luxuriously on small sections of paradise and of servile alien laborers herded in stifling tenements? Such are the conflicting aspects of the Golden State to those who view it from afar.—William E. Smythe in Century.

SELECTING PICTURES.

In Choosing Paintings Get at the Intention of the Artist.

"The value of a picture depends upon what there is in it for its possessor," writes William Martin Johnson in The Ladies' Home Journal, on the "Selection and Framing of Pictures." "A painting by an amateur may be more precious in your eyes than one of Raphael's cartoons. Therefore sell your cartoon to the highest bidder, and when you outgrow the little painting buy back the cartoon if you have learned to see its beauty.

"No one can tell you how to understand art without your seeing it, studying it, living with it, any more than any one can tell you how to tell good cloth from bad. You must first have had experience with cloth. Learn a language before you try to converse. But do not go so far as to imagine that you must learn drawing and painting before you can appreciate pictures. The less you know about technique the more capable you will be of looking at a painting with an unprejudiced eye. Get at the artist's intention. Does he express an idea to you? Is he interesting in the way he tells his story? Does he convince you of a truth? If the picture is that of a head, does it impress you as having the characteristics of an individual? Does it look like a human being? Suppose a landscape is under discussion—do the trees sway, the clouds float? Is there any atmosphere in the painting? These are the tests of a painter's facility with language. But more than this is required—it is the intellectuality behind the brush. Herein lies the difference between sublime art and the commonplace."

How Grant Got the Name of Ulysses.

The story was curious. As related by the father afterward, it appeared that the common difficulty of choosing a name for the babe arose. Multitudes of suggestions only confused the young parents the more, until at last it was proposed to cast the names into a hat. This was done. A romantic aunt suggested Theodore. The mother favored Albert, in honor of Albert Gallatin. Grandfather Simpson voted for Hiram, because he considered it a handsome name. The drawing resulted in two names, Hiram and Ulysses.

Ulysses, it is said, was cast into the hat by Grandmother Simpson, who had been reading a translation of Fenelon's "Telemachus" and had been much impressed by the description of Ulysses given by Mentor to Telemachus. "He was gentle of speech, beneficent of mind." "The most patient of men." "He is the friend of truth. He says nothing that is false, but when it is necessary he concedes what is true. His wisdom is a seal upon his lips, which is never broken save for an important purpose."—Hamlin Garland in McClure's.

Figures Bothered Him.

Lord Randolph Churchill never knew anything even of simple arithmetic, which is possibly why he was made chancellor of the exchequer. Sir Algernon West tells how Randolph said to a clerk who put some figures before him, "I wish you would put those figures plainly so that I can understand them," and when the clerk said he had done his best and reduced them to decimals the chancellor of the exchequer exclaimed, "Oh, I never could understand what those —— dots meant!"

Matrimonial Monster.

Chicago Editor—Are you the new reporter?

Chicago Reporter—Yes, sir.

"I'm going to send you out to write up a wedding. Ever have any experience at weddings?"

"Been married nine times, sir."—Yonkers Statesman.

The different sized flies frequently observed in houses are not, as commonly supposed, the younger or more fully grown members of the same family. All flies of the same species are of the same size.

Macon News Notes.

Macon, Miss., Special.

Mrs. America Lucas is still principal of the city schools. Many of the Freeman readers will remember her as one of the original Jubilee Singers and one of the most cultured and refined ladies in the South. The annual conference of the M. E. church which convened at Greenwood last week was largely attended by lay members from this place. Revs. McCuin and Nevils are expecting to return to their several charges. The scramble for local postmastership has not commenced in earnest as yet, but those most prominently mentioned in connection with it are: Prof. E. C. Lucas and Dr. D. W. Sherrod. It is understood that Prof. Lucas enjoys a very close relationship with the Hon. J. M. Hill. Some interest is being manifested here in the interest of Hon. M. W. Lawson of Willis, Tex., a native of this state who seeks the appointment as minister to Liberia. A teachers' circle has been organized for the purpose of advancement along educational lines Prof. Geo. W. Houston, president; Rev. Wm. Atkinson, secretary; Mrs. A. W. Lucas, instructor; S. J. Hunter, assistant instructor; and Prof. E. C. Lucas treasurer. Macon enjoys the reputation of being the quietest and best town in the state for good feeling between the races. It is the home of ex-lieutenant Gov. A. K. Davis.

Clarinda Items.

Clarinda, Iowa, Special.

B. Miller left for Chicago, where he will remain a few days, enroute to his home at Indianapolis, Ind. The A. M. E. church is having a successful revival. The Mission circle at the 2nd Baptist church is still gaining in interest. Elder J. A. Baker and Mr. Cayson, two of our oldest citizens are on the sick list. The concert given by the young ladies at 2nd Baptist church was a grand success. Mrs. Mattie Eubanks left the city for Omaha, to be at the bedside of her sick sister. Mrs. C. H. Mendenhall returned home after a three weeks visit in Atchison, Kan. Rev. C. H. Mendenhall leaves soon for Bedford. Rev. A. J. Walker, of Lincoln, Neb., was the guest of Rev. C. H. Mendenhall on the 21st. Mrs. Katie Cartmill and family arrived in the city to remain. Henry Cook is at the bedside of his brother-in-law at Coin. L. Welch, of Coin, is the guest of Mr and Mrs. Moss. Mrs. S. Hann is quite ill. Mrs. Helm, of Essex was in the city recently.

LOUISVILLE'S LATEST.

Musical Recital by the Treble Clef Club a Grand Success.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

For many years the theatrical profession has given Louisville the name "Graveyard town," In business circles she is known as a "Back number," and in every move where progress is the watchword, she is always found at the rear of the procession. Some of her inhabitants have recently found out that the war is over. But a new life has manifested itself on the part o some of our young women of the city Louisville, with her 35,000 Negro population, thirty churches, ten good choirs and innumerable societies, enjoyed a grand treat last Friday evening, the first of its kind in the history of this "Quaint old town." The church of Our Merciful Savior was crowded to hear the first public musical recital of the Treble Clef Club. This organization is composed of twenty young women, a majority of whom are teachers in the city public school. Miss Lucretia M. Gibson is president, and Miss Eliza Davenport, chorister. The following program was rendered: Instrumental Duet, "Overture to Poet and Peasant," Miss Davenport and Mrs. Hathaway; "Serenade," chorus, Treble Clef Club; Solos, "Ave Maria," "Indian Love Song," Miss C. B. Hill; "Annie Laurie," Treble Clef Club; Quartette, "List the Cherubic Host," Miss Hill, Conrad, Hicks and Alexander; "The Gift," "I am Waiting," Miss V. M. Burks; "Bridal Chorus," Treble Clef Club. Who did the best? This is difficult to answer. Each did well her part. "There the honor lies." If any particular one should be mentioned, Miss Davenport deserves the palm. She presided at the piano, and over it and her members, she had perfect control. We dwell upon this entertainment from the fact that it shows we have talent. We have had our clubs, dances, teas, euchre parties, etc., but this time the Treble Clef Club is a step higher, and we doff our hats to its members and wish them continued success.

Eufaula News Notes.

Eufaula, Ala., Special,

Miss Dora Hill has returned home from Montgomery, Ala., after a pleasant trip. Mrs. Harriet Johnson and Mrs. P. S. Williams spent last Sabbath at Springhill, Ala., Mrs. Mary Bailey has returned to Macon, Ga. Rev. W. Banton of the A. M. E. church spoke of the Freeman last Sabbath to his congregation as being the greatest Negro paper and we should not fail to have it in our homes. Don't miss next weeks issue of The Freeman. T. J. Tennille of Howe, Ala., a prosperous farmer and a race lover subscribed for The Freeman last week. For beautiful work in art and fancy needle work call on Mrs. Amanda Mitchell, Van Buren street. Prof. S. M. Murphy and Rev. J. A. S. Patterson are subscribers to The Freeman. Miss Polly Wynn is on the sick list. Cornerstone laying at St. Johns A. M. E. church Feb. 14th, by the Odd Fellows. Everybody is invited. Miss Della Thomas is on the sick list. Leave orders with W. H. Wallace for The Freeman.

Old Folk's Concert.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Little Clemmie Burkeen was buried last Wednesday. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends of the family. The Old Folks concert last week at the Baptist church under the direction of Mrs. Emma Cartwright was highly enjoyed. The duet by Mrs. Belle Greer and Sam Davis brought down the house. The solos by Messrs. Wilson Cartwright, Jim Della, Bob Ferguson, Mack Knott, Charlie Davis, and Miss Willie White were excellent. The last leap year entertainment by P. W. Patterson was a decided success. John Orr and Miss Mary Frazier were united in marriage last week. Mrs. Mary J. Anderson and Miss Maggie Stubbs will open a dressmaking establishment. We predict for them success. Miss Emma Davidson has gone to Chattanooga. Minnie Allen is quite sick. The firm of Ransom & Patterson has dissolved. The business will be continued by Mr. Ransom.

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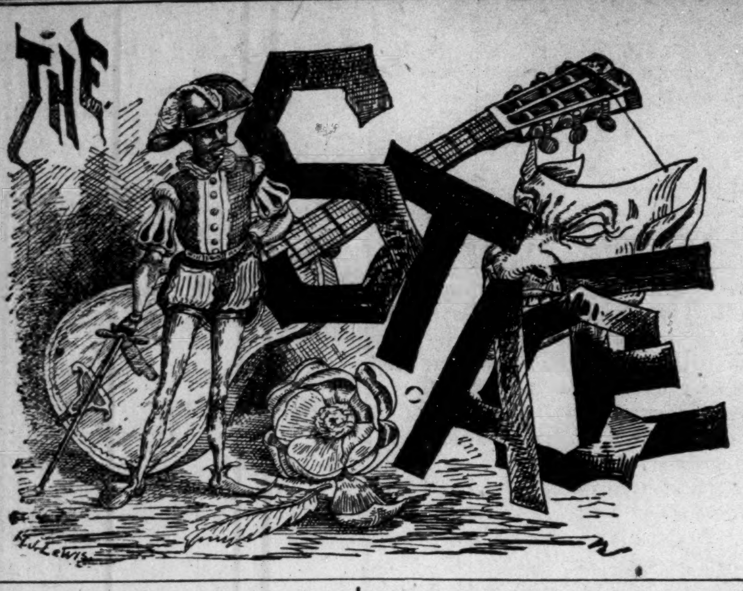

Darkest America is touring Pennsylvania, this week.

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Fisk Jubilee Singers sang at Fremont, Neb. Jan. 28.

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Doc, Sayles is called "The Goliath of Jubilee Shouters."

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Black Patti Troubadours are in Milwaukee, Wis., this week.

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Isham's Octoroons No. 2, are in Philadelphia, Pa., this week.

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P. T. Wrights Nashville Students are traveling in their own $10,000 palace car.

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The Hyer Sisters' Comedy Company appeared to good houses at Peoria, Ill. Jan. 14—16.

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Craig, the boneless wonder, of Richard & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels has no superior.

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Isham's Oriental America Company sails for Europe the latter part of February or March.

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Wm. H. Henderson, well known as a band master, died Jan. 10 at his home in Chicago, Ill.

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Hodges & Launchmere were the prime favorite at Proctor's Theatre, New York City last week.

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Al and Mamie Anderson, protean sketch artist, played at Haymarket Theatre, Chicago, last week.

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Flynn & Sheridan's Big Sensation company are in New York City, this week playing to good business.

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Williams & Walker are again at Proctor's Theatre, New York City, and are receiving flattering receptions.

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The Golden Gate Quartette of Sam T. Jack's Creoles left the company during their engagement at Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Lloyd Gibbs, of Black Patti's Troubadours, is considered to be the best Negro tenor singer on the stage to-day.

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Black Carl, the Creole Mahatma, or Man of Mistery is creating much surprise in his wonderful feats of legerdermain.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are still doing a remarkable business through Pennsylvania.

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John J. Christian, the sensational trick roller skater, is showing some of the finest wrinkles in that beautiful art ever seen.

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Nathan Warner, of the Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra, is the only Negro Opherclide player in the United States.

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This is the first Southern tour of Blind Boone, the wonderful prodigy, he is supported by that talented little plantation vocalist, Stella May.

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Mme. Flower, Madah Hyer, Fred Piper, Shorty May, Ed. Hunter and the Mallory Bros. are the leading members of Isham's Octoroons, No. 1.

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Sidney Woodward of the Oriental America company, entertained a few gentleman friends at a whist party at the Alhambra Hotel, Chicago, Jan. 13.

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Richard & Pringles Georgia Minstrels are doing a wonderful business in Texas. Billy Kersands, comedian; and Hillman & Perrin, musical artists are among the leading performers with this organization.

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Fred J. Piper, of Isham's Octoroon company, No. 1, has a beautifully cultivated baritone voice that is perfectly controlled and of wonderful power.

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Mrs. Winford, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Coats and Miss Rachel Smith, formerly members of Sam T. Jack's Creoles, left the show Jan. 9. Miss Smith who is a Brooklyn lady will remain home the balance of the season.

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On the occasion of Myrtle Hart's concert at Washington, recently, she received, among many other tokens of appreciation of her harp playing, a handsome gilt button from the coat of Capt. Robley D. Evans, commander of the battleship Indiana. Mrs. Richard Peters, of Washington, presented the button to Miss Hart as a sign of her pleasure on hearing the latter play. Mrs. Peters originally owned two of the buttons, and greatly prized them. The one she retains is worn as a pin. The buttons have the figure of an eagle in relief upon them. Coming from the commander of the Indiana, Mrs. Peters considered the button an appropriate souvenir for an Indiana girl.

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Isham's Octoroons, No. 2, is a well-equipped company of colored artists; the performance is thoroughly enjoyable, many of the company being superior to the average white performer. "The Blackville Derby," an amusing travesty upon the race track, serves to introduce a number of comedians, chief among the funmakers being Tom McIntosh, who is genuinely funny. "Thirty Minutes Around the Operas," a melange of operatic selections, in which the leading characters is taken by Miss Bessie Lee, an excellent soprano, and Henry N. Jackson, a pleasing tenor, is proving surprisingly good. In the olio, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh are easily the leaders, Both have an intelligent idea of low comedy, and their act is full of new and original business. Harry Fidler, an eccentric character mimic, is amusing, and Sam Lucas is giving a clever monologue. Others who appear on the bill is Billy Jackson, comedian; the "twentieth century swells:" Bethel and Jones in a character sketch, and the Spanish serenaders.

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The Dudley Georgians, a new organization, is meeting with grand success in Texas. The Galveston News recently said: "Despite the bad weather large houses greeted Dudley's Georgian Minstrels at their matinee and night performances yesterday and the merits of the show were equal to the size of the audiences. The Dudley Georgians are all typical Negroes and give a sure enough Negro minstrel show. The stage setting in the first part is one of the prettiest ever seen here, and is in fact, grander than any put on a Galveston stage by other shows of a like nature. The setting represents a room in the palace at Morocco and is richly painted, being adorned with large arches, heavy pedestals and rich draperies. The men, all richly costumed, are seated in four rows, one above another. Down the center is built a stairway. The jokes were new and funny, the songs catchy and the dancing graceful. The opening overture was well put on and heartily encored. Helom and Brown sang a sweet melody in a rich manner and did some good dancing."

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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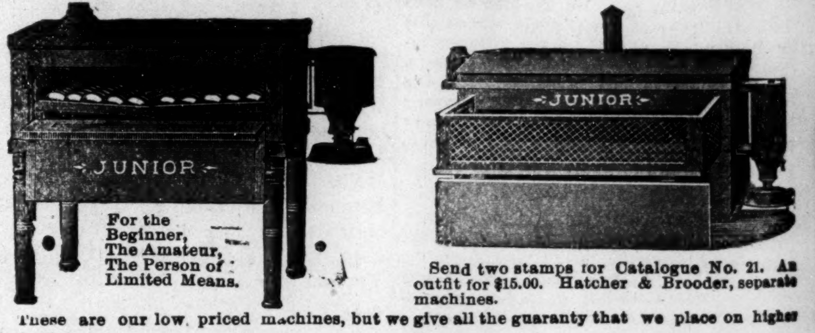

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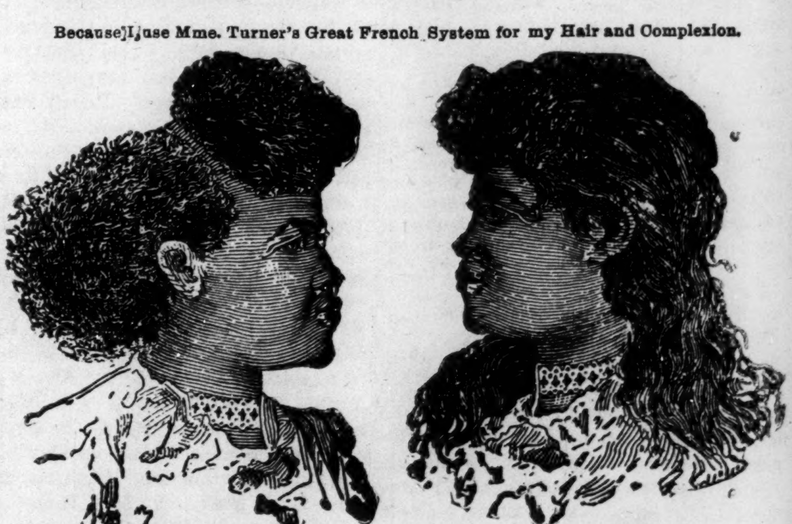

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B. Square's Bluster.

Before I pack my grip-sack for Hattiesburg, Miss., I have concluded to write another "Bluster," which will keep my column filled until I reach the far South, where I hope to write again. The subjects of the following paragraphs are Uncle "Noah Baxter's," his sayings and reflections arising there from:

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If "Noah Baxter" is an old ante-bellum father, who "came up through great tribulations," it will be cowardly for two young men (Bro. R. W. Thompson and the subscriber) to jump on the neck of a poor old, perhaps well-meaning back number. If "Noah Baxter" is a myth—the child of the imagination of some budding young writer—why should I crush the growing bud? I distinctly remember my first article signed "B. Square." How hope, doubt and fear, by turn filled my heart until I saw it in print and received good words of cheer from Editor J. W. Cromwell of the late People's Advocate of Washington, D. C. His judgement may have been greatly warped, but he gave me great encouragement when he told me if I stuck to it I would some day make a great newspaper man and writer. I do not know as I am any better prophet now than Editor Cromwell was twenty-two years ago, still I feel inspired to say if "Noah Baxter" is a beginner in the literary field, that a bright future awaits him.

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Now let me state some logical reasons for believing that "Noah Baxter" lives moves and has his being "way down in Texas." Writers of dialect, either English, Irish, Negro, Yankee, German or French, have a style of their own in spelling. They always spell words the same way. Artemus Ward and Josh Billings had established rules for their bad spelling, to which they religiously stuck. Paul Dunbar and Joe Chandler Harris in their Negro dialect songs and stories follow rules of their own in spelling. A new Negro Josh Billings would do the same. The uneducated writer has no rule; he spells by sound. He spells his words with an imperfect memory as the sound strikes him for the time being. He may spell cat at the beginning of his article with a "c" and with a "k" at the end of his pennings. The illiterate penman, who has not mastered the many rules of orthography and their many exceptions, spells as we should and doubtless will some day in the near future by sound. He remembered the sounds of "c," "s," "i," and "y," but knows nothing of "hard" or "soft" sounds, vowels, dipthongs, silent letters or the one hundred and one other mysteries of the art.

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A careful study of "Noah Baxter's" left handed philosophy reveals the fact that he has no rule to govern his spelling. He spells as he doubtless thinks he writes—by inspiration or the impulse of the moment. At one time he spells paper "papper," and another time "paber." He also spells write with and without a "w," so I at once placed "Uncle Noe" within the confines of possibility. I then looked over an up-to-date map of the State of Texas and found in the interior in Burnett County a cross-road hamlet called Marble Falls. I concluded at once to write a letter to "Noah Baxter" and mailed the same in one of my printed business envelopes. If it returned I would know "Uncle Noe" was a myth; if it did not return or I received a reply a la "Noah Baxter" I would be convinced he was a man of yore. I was at a loss for a time whether to praise or censure "Noah Baxter." I at last wrote a compromise between the two. The letter never came back. The reply may be on its way here, drifting from state to state and causing the postoffice employees to use many words not taught at Sunday school.

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I am greatly forestalled in my reply to "Noah Baxter's" tirade by Bro. R. W. Thompson's letter in a late issue of The Freeman, as he has said all or almost all I intended to say, pro and con about the good old "Uncle's" letter, still, Thompson, having in the language of Marble Fall's "kilt" the "Noah Baxter" theory, it is my self-appointed duty to say a few words at the grave side of the departed.

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Facts, like mules and new ground stumps, are stubborn things and the fact of the matter is we have too many "Noah Baxters" with us in the flesh today. The sooner they all sleep with their fathers, the sooner, in the language of our Noah Baxter, the "Progress of the race will be pushed along" The teachings of these old ante-bellum fossils are not only antiquated, pessimistic and baneful, but dangerous. They see no improvement, no progress, no brighter future; they are selfish, hard-headed and filled with prejudice and mistrust. They not only look backward as Thompson says, but try to pull younger generations to conditions of the past they would themselves often forget; that the son should refuse to sleep upon the dirt floor of a damp hut, or go without socks, or live upon grits, "pot-licker," side-bacon, etc., because the unhappy conditions of the past forced the father to do so is positive proof to the "Noah Baxters" of our Noah Baxter's class that the "Progress of the race" is not being pushed along as of yore and that "the Negroes of to-day is weaker and bigger fools than the Negroes of yestiddy." Let us cover the grave of "Uncle Noe's" pessimistic theory with charity—noble charity and say that we recall the fact our Marble Fall's "Uncle" was born during the days that tried men's soul's; that his vision of human honesty and brotherly love was, during the days of his youth, badly blurred by the injustice and wrong he saw. If so, his letter is a living example of the truthfulness of the saying, that the oak will grow to old age in the direction the sapling is bent.

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Before I write more, I must head off the critic who is about to rush to the front and say that I lack veneration for the old fathers in Israel; the pioneers of Negro progress by saying I have the most sacred respect for the old progessive leaders of the past, who before the war moved onward and are still leading the way to a brighter future, Their progressive ideas grow with their years of deep experience but—alas the "Noah Baxters" do not belong to this class of old patriarchs.

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The "Noah Baxters" of the race are not all old men sixty nine years old by all means. There are lots and lots of them found in the ranks of younger generations. Among our middle age and young men—men fifty, forty, thirty and twenty. Men of higher education and superior advantages and gifts than the majority of the race enjoys. They can be found in the ranks of our teachers, ministers, doctors, lawyers, editors and men of supposed wealth. They are in the minority, but oftimes they are such a large manority that they retard the progress of this community. I agree with friend Thompson that we are backing in the noonday sun of the world's civilization and that the race is marching forward to a brigbter and better future, still I must admit the race's greatest retarder is itself. There is a large percentage of "Noah Baxters' under fifty who cannot see anything good for the advancement of the race that does not have its birth in their mind; who will retard any progressive move for the betterment of the race of which they cannot be the head. It is myself appointed duty, through my "Bluster" column to let these young "Noah Baxters" see themselves as others see them with the hope that the sight will disgust them and their numbers grow less.

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In conclusion let me say that "Uncle Noe" is just a little bit too personal. He says in positive language (more positive than his limited experience can back) that eminent and gifted Dr. J. M. Henderson, the brilliant and educated journalist, R. W. Thompson, the humble subscriber and others who have the wellfare of the race at heart, place self-interest and self-gain before race advancement, or in other words, we are all wearing masks. My objeet, "Pop" Baxter knows, in forming the "Invincible Sons and Daughters of Commerce" is "to get all the race to jine" so I can get rich. "Pop" you have made one of the many mistakes of your life of sixty nine years. I have long since been taught at the school of experience that there are too many "Noah Baxters" in the ranks of the race to prevent any one man or one dozen men of color from getting rich by advancing anything for the betterment of the race. I am hundreds, yes thousands of dollars out of pocket by investing in Negro enterprises and writing strictly Negro stories and for Negro newspapers for the good of the race. The bread and butter that my three motherless children eat is earned by my pen, not as a Negro writer but as a newspaper hustler. If it were not for the 'Noah Baxters" of the race (both young and old) they might have sometimes have meat to eat with their bread, bought with the compensation received from my pen work, trying, in the language of "Pop" Baxter, to "push the Proggress of the Race along."

B. SQUARE.

Change of Time.

On the new change of time, which took effect November 22nd, train No. 12 on the C. H. & D. Ry., which leaves Cincinnati at 9:20 p. m. arrives in Detroit 6:15 a m., but passengers are allowed to remain in the sleeper until 7:00 o'clock.

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Mrs. Ida White Duncan, National Deputy Princess of the S. M. T., for the State of New Jersey, writes encouragingly about the work of the order in that state.

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The majority of the secret societies in this country have well established National endowment department which are now doing great good in alleviating the sufferings of widows and orphans.

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S. W. Green, of Lake Providence, is the Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the State of Louisiana.

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"Damon and Pythias" will be presented, under the auspices of the Montgomery Lodge, K. of P. of Indianapolis, Ind., shortly.

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The joint anniversary committee of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in Louisiana, met on Sunday, Jan. 1, and elected officers for 1897.

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The Masonic fraternity in this State is in a flourishing condition.

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The members of the Ida B. Wells Club, of Chicago, has decided to send a resolution to the Commissioners on Jim Crow Car law before resolving to visit the Nashville Centennial.

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The League of Republican Clubs of Marion County, gave a reception at the elegant rooms of the Herculean Club, of Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 21, in honor of Hon. G. L. Jones, a member of the club, who was elected to the House of Representatives at the last election.

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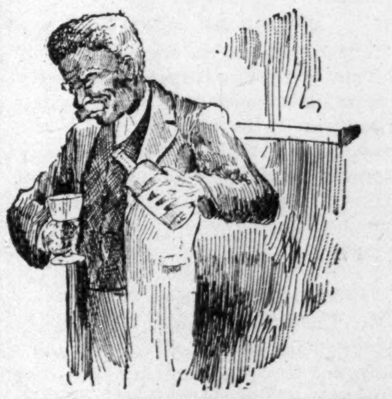

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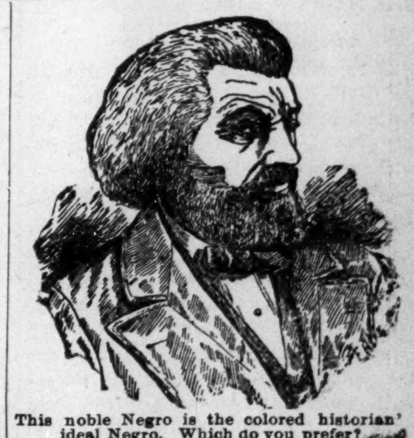

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LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. Lena Floyd is quite ill.

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Miss Effie Banks is visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Harriet Jones, 209 Elm street, is very much indisposed.

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Wm. Clark of South Spruce street continues in poor health.

Mrs. Cora Skillman, of 240 Huron street, is on the sick list.

Mrs. Chas. Lanier will be one of the favorites in the "Effort."

Washington Watkins is seriously ill at his home in West North street.

Don't fail to ask your grocer for Parrott and Taggart's Domestic Bread.

The mother of Miss Mon Howard was buried from Olivet Baptist church last Saturday.

Miss Victoria Wilson, principal at No. 18 school, is ill at her home in College avenue.

Hear the seven amateur orators at Walter's Literary Lyceum, Thursday evening, Feb. 11.

Attend the great bargain day sale at the Wm. H. Block Co., 7 and 9 East Washington street.

Miss Grace Lucas, whose readings are always superb, will be present with a selection in the "Effort."

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John Parker, an employe at Chas. Meyer's store, sustained severe injuries by falling on the icy pavement last week.

You will have another chance to listen to the sweetness of Miss Stevenson's voice in the "Effort" at the Ninth Presbyterian, Feb. 15.

The colored voters of the South East part of the city expect soon to organize a club for social and Political purposes.

The "Fourth Annual Effort" of the Herculean Club at the Ninth Presbyterian church, Feb. 15, will be the greatest events of the season.

Domestics, cloaks, furs, suits and millinery offerings at the bargain day sale of the Wm. H. Block Co., 7 and 9 East Washington street, next Monday. Don't miss it.

Miss Druetta Dixon will render a selection which will be in her usual sweetness of tone, at the "Herculean Effort." Miss Dixon always receives a hearty reception at her renditions.

One of the special numbers on the program will be a duet by Misses Katie Clay and Ethel Nance at the Ninth Presbyterian church Feb. 15.

The subject "Which has the greater influence on human conduct, the fear of punishment or the hope of reward" will be discussed by gentlemen of ability at Walter's Literary Lyceum, Thursday evening.

Change in the Schools.

Mrs. Dr. Porter has been assigned to No. 24, Misses Allie Morgan and Bertha Christy to No. 40, Mrs. Crusius, critic; Miss Belle Passmore, No. 19; Mrs G. W. Cable, No. 23, Mrs. Sadie Hill, No. 42, North Indianapolis.

Death of Flora Graham.

Flora, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Rev. D A. Graham, pastor of Bethel A M. E. church, died last Tuesday evening, after a lingering illness, with consumption. The funeral was held Friday afternoon from the church. The bereaved family has the sympathy of a host of friends.

Colored Benevolent Society.

The Colored Benevolent Society, which is affiliated with the Charity Organization Society, held its first annual meeting Monday night at Plymouth Church, and elected the following officers; President, Dr. B. J. Morgan; Secretary, Dr S. A. Furniss; Treasurer Captain Jacob Porter; Executive Committee, G. L. Knox, Dr. Joseph Ballard, J. T. Taylor, John Puryear, W. T. Collins, William Harvey. The society is much gratified at the result of its work during the last year. It has had charge of most of the cases of colored people in need. Plans were discussed for the work of the coming year and the raising of funds.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. John Puryear is visiting in Chicago.

Mrs. W. H. Jackson has returned to Chicago.

Chas. Bass is on a trip through Ohio and Virginia.

Mrs. Capt. Porter has returned from a visit to Chicago.

Miss Allie Roberts is the guest of Geo. L. Knox and family.

Mrs. A. A. Taylor gave a small dancing paray, last Saturday night at her home in North Alabama street for Miss Margurite Roberts of Kokomo.

Thos. Carter of the "Octoroons" was a visitor at our office this week.

Mrs. Sarah Hart is the guest of her daughter Mrs. Daisy Jenkins in Chicago.

Mrs. Nellie Nicholson leaves to-night for Chicago, to visit relatives and friends.

Chas. Jordan and Mr. Schooler of Chicago, spent Sunday and Monday in the city.

Rev. M. Turner of Dayton, O., passed through the city last Saturday en route home.

Miss Ada Modock has returned to the city from a visit to her home in Cloverport, Ky.

Mrs. Mary White, who has been the guest of her parents returned to her home Monday in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Hulda Woods gave a musicale at her home in South State avenue last Thursday evening, and Mrs. S. A. Coleman entertained on Friday evening for the benefit of Corinthian Baptist church. Mrs. Thomas was also "at home" to her club in North Senate avenue, Wednesday evening.

AMUSEMENTS.

PARK THEATRE.

Isham's Octoroons No. 1 are this week giving a thoroughly enjoyable entertainment at this house. The company is headed by Mme. Flower, Madah Hyer, Fred Piper, Mallory Bros., Margaret Scott, Maria Brooks, Irving and Sadie Jones, Shorty May, Thos. Carter and others. The performance opens up with the amusing travesty, "The Blackville Derby," in which Irving Jones and Shorty May are the fun-makers. A number of pleasing specalties are introduced in this skit, the "Five French Dancers," and song by Irving Jones, "Colored 400," receiving encores. Madah Hyer opened the olio with vocal selections. She has an excellent trained voice. Others who are appearing are the Mallory Bros., musical artists, "Spanish Ballet," "Milkmaid's Flirtations," Shorty May, dancing comedian, "Pawn-broker Shop," a descriptive song, staged by Fred Piper and sung by Tommy Carter. The performance closes with "thirty minutes around the operas," cast to the full strength of the company, including Mme. Flower, Madah Hyer, Margaret Scott, Mazie Brooks, Belle King, Fred Piper, Ed. Harris, Geo. Hammonds and Leon Harris. They finish their engagement this evening.

EMPIRE THEATRE.

Harry Martell's "South Before the War" company held the boards at the popular place of amusement, the first three nights of this week, to fair business. The show has changed somewhat from what it was when seen here before. Among the new members are Charles Pool and Paul Floyd, two Indianapolis boys.

"The Colored Extravaganza Co.," is the name of a new company that has been organized here in this city, which is now filling its first engagement at this theatre. It is composed wholly, with a few exceptions, of local talent. The company is headed by J. W. Hunter, assisted by Jas. Brown, Owen Evans, formerly of Sam T. Jack's Creoles, Goodall Bros., John Tolliver, Harry Dunnington, Prof. Easley, Geo. Temple, Sam Cooke, Mat Gaiten, Sam Elliott, George Walker, Kate Tolliver, L. Black, Emma Fields, Mattie Harris, Susie Yeager, Anna Carter, Anna Lewis, Vernie Rhodes, Sallie Walker, Julia Curry and others. They leave for Cincinnati after the performance to-night.

ALPHA HOME BENEFIT.

"The Musicale," an organization of 20 of our best young singers, are weekly rehearsing an operetta, "Genevieve," to be given in the near future for the benefit of the Alpha Home. In many ways we can give our mite to assist in meeting some of the expenses of this home for aged colored women. Watch this paper for time and place.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Mrs. Chas. Harper, who has a standing welcome before any and all audiences, and who still maintains the first place among the contralto soloists, will appear in the "Effort" at the Ninth Presbyterian Feb. 15.

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ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Mrs. Emma Bradley is on the sick list.

Five persons joined the church last Sunday.

Rev. Murray spent last Monday in Greencastle.

Mrs. Delia Wilson, Mrs. J. H. Young and Miss Lulu Bradley are better.

Mrs. Julia A. Hill of Greencastle, an aunt of Rev. Murray, is in the city to spend the winter.

Rev. A. Smith of Vincennes passed through the city last Monday en route for Dayton, O.

A fine program is being arranged for Allen's Day.

Miss Lillian Warfield is attending the College of Music.

Rev. J. H. Fisher of Dublin, is assisting in revival meetings this week.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

"The man who has the worst reputation is always worrying about being injured."

It is with no small degree of pride that we note the worthy progress that is being made by the Colored Benevolent Society, of which Dr. B. J. Morgan is president. This is at it should be. Let us learn to help each other, and not like parasites, feast on other races.

We boarded an Indiana avenue car a few evenings ago, en route home from a West Side church. Seated opposite were two pert little society girls (who should have been at home in the nursery) using more power than it requires to run an electric motor, to attract the attention of two little "Tuxedos." The two boys, be it to their credit, felt much abashed and "jumped" the car at the next crossing. Shame, girls!

We entered the sacred portals of a house dedicated to the worship of our Holy Father last Sunday night, and as the melodious organ pealed forth in deep, sonorous tones, a practical religious thought suddenly came to my mind. I wondered why officers armed with "maces" should parade the house of God, looking for whom they could devour; I wondered if any church who is pointing out the way to the poor penitent, could cause the divine light to penetrate a calloused sin-sick soul, with a "billy" in one hand and a Bible in the other; I wondered if it would not have been more effectual with the rougher element to have kneeled at the feet, which have caused them to stray in forbidden paths, and with angelic voice call for divine aid, instead of calling for police force or patrol wagon.

Then again I wondered why any church with an educated ministry, appreciative choirs, and intelligent congregations, should ever have policemen with "beats." Often attendants at such churches are grossly insulted without a cause. Again, when these "church bums" get under the impression that the church policeman is a "bully," they lose no opportunity to be present on every occasion, "lookin' fer truble an' bluff the guy," as they are often heard to remark.

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JONES' TABERNACLE NOTES.

Miss Mamie E. Taylor, the Evangelist of Nashville, Tenn., is conducting revival services at Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church. Quite an interest is manifested; we have had 11 conversions and 25 additions the past two weeks. Miss Taylor is a good speaker, and every one is invited to come and hear her. She will preach a special sermon next Sunday afternoon. You will miss a treat if you fail to hear her.

Mrs. Mattie Ruble, Mrs. Laura Glenn and Little Ruth Grant are on the sick list.

There are quite a number of strangers as well as a large number of our friends attending revival services. All are welcome.

The Mite Society are doing well. They made two payments in the Building Loan last Tuesday. Mrs. Anna Poole, president, and Mrs. Belle Kennedy, secretary.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Dr. Skinner preached two grand sermons morning and evening. The protracted meeting continues with great interest. There have been 28 accessions to the church since our last report.

The five o'clock prayer meeting is increasing in interest. There were 140 in attendance at Sunday school, with a collection of $2.03.

The Orinico Circle held a business meeting at Mrs. S. Gilmore's on Patterson street. It was well attended, and is becoming quite famous It devotes some time to the consideration of charity.

The executive board of the Indiana Baptist Associatiion met on the 21st. Much of the time was devoted to the discussion of the missionary work.

Eunice Carr was promoted to the first year of High School by Mrs. Cruisus out of respect for which she entertained her on the 26th at luncheon.

Collection Sunday, $40.42.

To Don the Prison Garb.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

The Circuit court that has been in session for three weeks, closed Saturday, the 23d. The following went to the penitentiary: W. R. Flanagan, two cases of forgery, 20 years; N. A. Nettler, grand larceny, 3 years; James Cal, obtaining money under false pretense, $50 fine and 30 days in jail; Will Green, grand larceny, 3 years; Ellen Lee, arson, 1 year; Murphy Cline, robbery, 1 years; West Thomas, merder, 5 years. J. C. Payne, who has been working in Okalona, has returned home. Wesley Moore, who has been visiting here, returned to Collinsville. J. W. Longstreet visited his mother who is very sick at Macon. Rev. Nathaniel Childs has returned to his home in South Carolina. Mrs. C. B. Hyman is very sick. Mail agent Joe Nelson, accompanied by his family, left on the 19th for his new home. F. R. Key left for Eadenville, Miss., to attend his brother who is very low. Miss Annie Patterson has been very sick the past week. Drs. J. W. Holmes, J. M. May, Prof. J. M. Nimocks, Miss Gussie Longstreet, Clint Coleman are on the sick list. Rev. L. J, S. Bell, former pastor tor of Haven Chapel, east end, has been appointed to Shubuta, Miss. Miss Annie Moore, who spent Christmas at Waynesboro, has returned to the city. Miss Leafy Goodwin, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to her home. Miss Mollie Pollard, who has been visiting friends at Macon, Miss., has returned to the city. Miss Albertha V. Gibbs died the 23d inst., at the age of 16 years. She was a faithful member of New Hope Baptist church, from which the funeral took place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. L. W. Watson, officiating.

The Fred Douglass Club.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

The Frederick Douglass club met at the Second Baptist church this week. The program was as follows: "A Sketch of the Life of John Greenleaf Whittier." Frank E. Evans; poem, "Maud Muller," Miss Poole; Song, "Sweet Hearts Again," Mrs. Brown; poem, "A Sabbath Scene," Miss Hackley; poem, "The Slave of Martinique," Mrs. Wheatley; quotation, members. Moses Jackson died at the Asylum Thursday; his body was taken to Benton Harbor for burrial. James Lynch came for the body. Mr. and Mrs Travers Hackley are the parents of twin boys. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are rejoicing over a fine boy. Mrs. Rosie Carpenter of Decatur is the guest of her sister Mrs Lillie Hoover. Mrs. Rachel Hathway of Niles, was in the city last week the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. A. T. Hedgepth. Rev. Moore is in Cassoplis assisting Rev Mrs. Bell with revival meeting. Mr. Johnson is in Chicago, for treatment. Mrs. Lillie Hoover is on the sick list. Mrs. Margaret Shepard is sick. A large and attentive audience listened to Dr. W. H. Butler of Detroit lecture and Slereoptican Views Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Amos Stewart entertained at their home on Cooley street Thursday evening; games and music were pleasures of the evening.

Interesting News Notes.

Keokuk, Iowa, Special.

Mrs. A. C. Bettis, Queen Mother of the International Grand Tabernacle, is now duly appointed District Grand Preceptress of the State of Iowa; she also had her International Grand Deputy certificate renewed for three years by Sir Moses Dickson, the International Grand Chief Mentor. Miss Ella Anderson is visiting Pueblo, Col., and Colorado Springs. Dan Fox is quite sick in Chicago, Ill. Miss Ada Stewart has returned home to La Harpe, Ill. Jas. Haley has accepted the head-waitership at the Dulano House, of Burlington. Miss Mamie Jackson has returned from Copper County. Mo., after closing a very successful term of teaching.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. French D. Bland, Wilbert D. Feilds gave one of the most enjoyable whist parties of the season; the parlors were banked with hot-house plants, and decorations were a profusion of carnations and Marcheneil roses. Games were played until late and an abundance of refreshments were served. Last and not least of all, prizes were awarded. Frank Robinson won 1st prize, a silver whiskbroom holder. A powder box, the 2nd prize, was won by Miss Jessie Johnson. Bertha Anderson won the 3rd, monkey on a string. Those present were Misses Minnie Maggie Fields, Maggie Owens. Jessie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Feilds, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Feilds, Milton Bland, Burtha Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bland entertained Charles Price, Saturday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Teabeau, Lewis Wilson, Walter Clay, Ophelia and Mamie Jackson, Wilbert Johnson, and Miss Jessie Johnson, W. B. Feilds, Mr. and Mrs. William Gross. Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kellis entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shortridge. Miss Lucy Bland entertained the following ladies and gentlemen at cards, Friday evening: Messrs. Hoskins, Harris, Kellis, Feilds, Ashby, Bland, and Geo. Bannister. Mesdames, Feilds, Kellis, Ashby, Feilds, and Bland. Burton Alden an aspiring young man, died Jan. 23rd. Saturday after teaching in Tennessee he returned home, having contracted a severe cold. He was one of Keokuk's High School graduates. Miss Belle Aikens is quite sick. Eudora Fancis is still very sick. Frank Robinson and wife, entertained their many friends in the past three weeks.

Excursion Rates To Washington, D. C.

On account of the Presidential inauguration at Washington City, March 4th., agents of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railway, will sell tickets to Washington City and return, at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold, good going March 1st, 2nd and 3rd. good to return March 8th, inclusive, through sleeper will be run from Chicago & Indianapolis via Monon and C. H. & D. Ry. to Washington via Cincinnati.

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Children's Jersey Ribbed Union Suits. Egyptian Yarn Silk finish, 50c value, Monday.......... 23c

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